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HELLO, MONTE! YOU'VE BEEN TOO BUSY TO SEE ME, HAVEN'T YOU? WE WERE GOING TO ORDER OUR WEDDING INVITATIONS LAST WEEK... OH, HOW CAN YOU BE SO CRUEL?

OH, NO! MONTE HAD PROMISED TO MARRY JEAN TOO! JUST AS HE HAD PROMISED ME! I NEVER THOUGHT ANYONE COULD BE SO HEARTLESS!

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THERE I STOOD AT THE ALTAR IN MY WEDDING GOWN, MY HEART IN A TURMOIL OF ANTICIPATION, THE GUESTS AND MINISTER WAITING! BUT WHERE WAS DAN HADLEY, THE MAN WHO TOLD ME HE LOVED ME AND CAPTURED MY HEART? ONCE BEFORE HE HAD PROMISED TO MEET ME AND THEN NEVER SHOWED UP! ANOTHER GIRL WAS THE REASON THEN! WAS THIS THE SAME? WAS A RIVAL THE REASON I WAS LEFT WITH...

No Bridegroom For Me

PLEASE...PLEASE
WAIT ANOTHER FIVE
MINUTES! I KN-KNOW
DAN HAS BEEN
UNAVOIDABLY
DELAYED!

FIVE MINUTES
AND NO MORE!
WE'VE HELD UP
THIS WEDDING
ALMOST AN
HOUR NOW!



IT WAS MY ROOM-MATE, JILL, WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FIRST MEETING DAN HADLEY!

HOW COULD YOU DO THIS, JILL, YOU KNOW I NEVER GO OUT ON BLIND DATES!

OH, LOIS, DON'T BE STUFFY! I'M SURE THIS DAN HADLEY IS ---ER---A NICE, RESPECTABLE FELLOW! IT'S ONLY FOR ONE DATE!

I THOUGHT JILL WAS NOT TOO PLEASED, HERSELF!

HE AND ED, MY BOY FRIEND WERE IN COLLEGE TOGETHER! WHEN ED CALLED, I WAS SURE YOU'D LIKE TO GO OUT WITH US!

I'LL GO THIS TIME, JILL, BUT I'M SURE I'D MUCH RATHER CHOOSE MY OWN DATES!

THE BUZZER INTERRUPTED US THEN AND I WENT DOWN RELUCTANTLY TO MEET A BOY WHO WOULD UPSET MY WHOLE LIFE!

YOU MEAN *THIS* IS LOIS LORN? MY GOSH, ED, I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST GIVING ME A LINE!

I TOLD YOU SHE WAS SPECIAL, DAN, AND I DIDN'T MISLEAD YOU, DID I?

ONE LOOK AND ALL MY IDEAS WERE TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN! DAN HADLEY WAS EVERYTHING I'D EVER DREAMED OF IN A BOY!

I CAN'T GET OVER IT, LOIS! I---I THOUGHT BLIND DATES ALWAYS HAD TWO HEADS OR SOMETHING!

SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST ONE I'VE EVER HAD, I'M NOT A VERY GOOD AUTHORITY!

I STILL DON'T SEE HOW I COULD BE SO LUCKY, LOIS! YOUR STEADY BOY FRIEND MUST BE TIED UP TONIGHT!

I--- I'M AFRAID I DON'T HAVE A STEADY, DAN! MAYBE I'VE BEEN TOO HARD TO PLEASE!

THEN MEET THE FELLOW WHO'D LIKE TO MAKE A CAREER OUT OF TRYING TO HOLD DOWN THAT JOB!

I'D LIKE IT, DAN! I'M NOT A GIRL WHO ENJOYS LONELINESS!

FOR ME THE EVENING SLIPPED BY ON GOLDEN CLOUDS! DAN WAS EVERYTHING A GIRL COULD ASK IN A DATE!

TO THINK I ALMOST DUCKED OUT ON THIS EVENING! I WAS SORE AT ED FOR GETTING ME A BLIND DATE!

THAT'S FUNNY, DAN! I WAS ANGRY AT JILL, TOO!

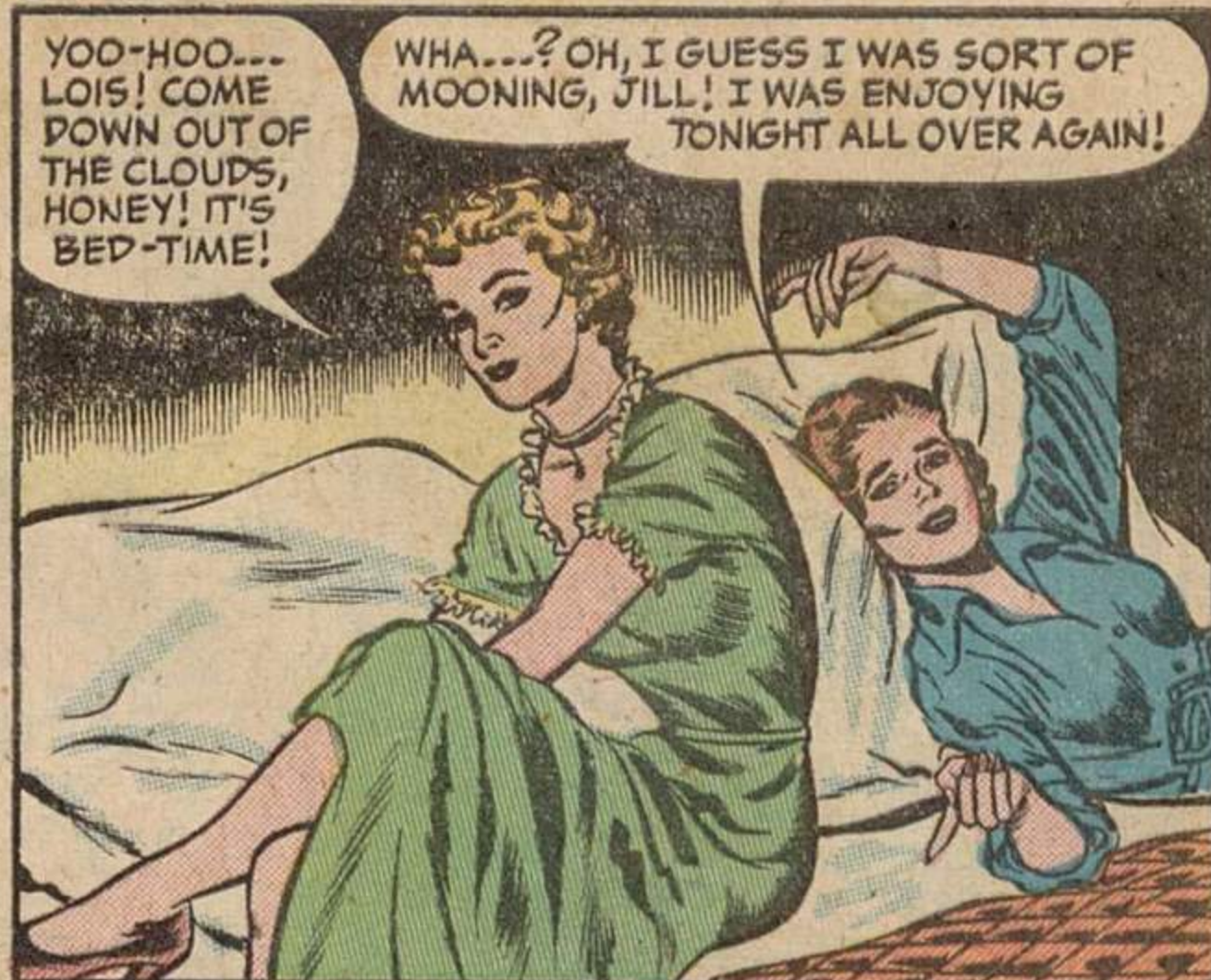




IT WAS AN EVENING THAT ENDED ALL TOO SOON!

MAY I CALL YOU FOR ANOTHER DATE, LOIS?

I'D LIKE IT, DAN! THIS HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL EVENING! THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT MADE IT SO NICE!



YOO-HOO... LOIS! COME DOWN OUT OF THE CLOUDS, HONEY! IT'S BED-TIME!

WHA...? OH, I GUESS I WAS SORT OF MOONING, JILL! I WAS ENJOYING TONIGHT ALL OVER AGAIN!



THEN YOU DON'T WANT TO WRING MY NECK FOR GETTING YOU THAT BLIND DATE? YOU AND DAN SEEMED TO HIT IT OFF!

OH, JILL, HE'S WONDERFUL! I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR INTRODUCING US! AND HE WANTS ANOTHER DATE!

TWO DAYS LATER DAN PHONED ME! I'D BEGUN TO THINK MAYBE HE HADN'T LIKED ME AFTER ALL!



I'D LOVE TO SEE THAT PLAY WITH YOU, DAN! I'LL BE READY AT EIGHT!

WELL... HE DID COME THROUGH, AFTER ALL!



YOU DIDN'T KNOW IT, LOIS, BUT YOU WERE A PROBLEM TO ME... NOT HAVING A BOY FRIEND! I HOPE NOW MY PROBLEM'S SOLVED!

I HOPE SO, JILL! I HAVE NEVER LIKED ANY BOY AS MUCH AS I DO DAN, EVEN IF WE DID JUST MEET!



AFTER THE THEATRE AND A BITE TO EAT...

HOW ABOUT DINNER WITH ME TOMORROW NIGHT, LOIS?

I'D LIKE TO, DAN, BUT WE'RE TAKING INVENTORY AND I PROMISED TO WORK UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK! I WISH NOW I HADN'T AGREED!



SO I'LL PACE THE SIDEWALK A WHILE AND MEET YOU RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR OFFICE AT 8:15! HOW'S THAT?

IT SOUNDS GRAND! I PROMISE I WON'T BE LATE!

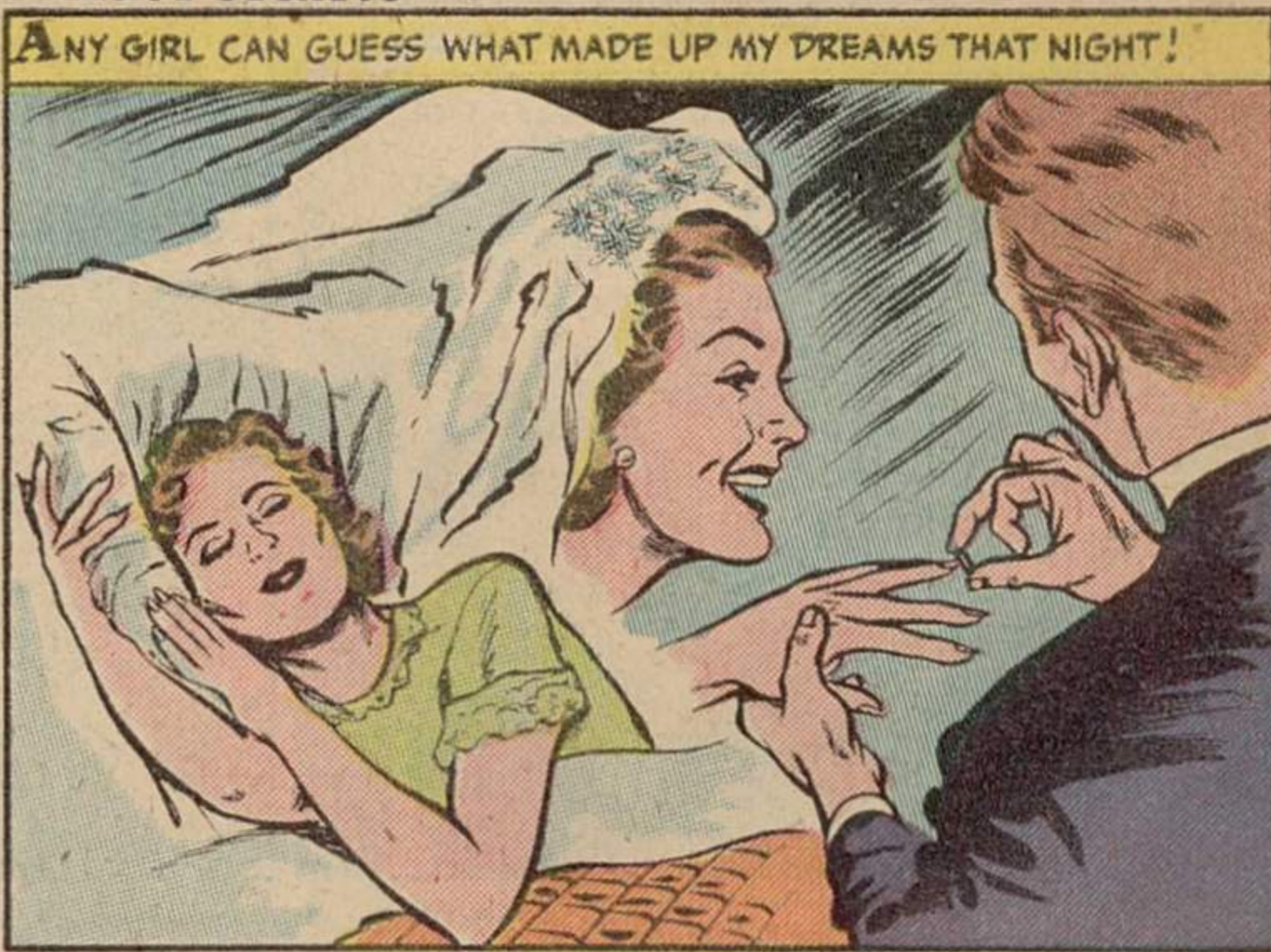


THE NEXT MOMENT I WAS IN DAN'S ARMS! HIS LIPS SPOKE A SILENT PROMISE THAT SET MY HEART TO POUNDING WILDLY!



OHH---
DAN!

WE'LL TAKE UP THE REASONS
FOR THAT TOMORROW NIGHT
WHEN WE HAVE LOTS OF TIME,
HONEY! SEE
YOU AT 8:15
SHARP!



ANY GIRL CAN GUESS WHAT MADE UP MY DREAMS THAT NIGHT!

THE
NEXT
NIGHT
I
FAIRLY
FLEW
THROUGH
MY
WORK
TO BE
OUT
AHEAD
OF TIME!
MY
HEART
WAS
ALREADY
ANTICI-
PATING
DAN'S
TALK
OF LOVE!



WOW! MISS
LIGHTNING
MUST HAVE
THE DATE
OF DATES
TONIGHT!

THAT'S AN UNDER-
STATEMENT, SUE!
SEE YOU
TOMORROW!

I WAS SO HOPING DAN MIGHT
BE EARLY, TOO! THERE WAS NO
SIGN OF HIM WHEN I GOT
DOWNSTAIRS!

DAN HAS
THINGS TO
DO, TOO!
HE'LL BE
ALONG
AT ANY
MOMENT!



THE MINUTES DRAGGED BY
LIKE HOURS... AND STILL NO
SIGN OF DAN! THEN A TERRIBLE,
GNAWING FEAR GRIPPED ME!

OHH...! WH-WHAT
IF HE HAD AN
ACCIDENT...
OR WAS TAKEN
ILL? I'D BETTER
CALL HIS APART-
MENT HOTEL!



SORRY, MISS, BUT MR.
HADLEY LEFT EARLY
THIS EVENING AND
HASN'T RETURNED!

TH-THANK
YOU!

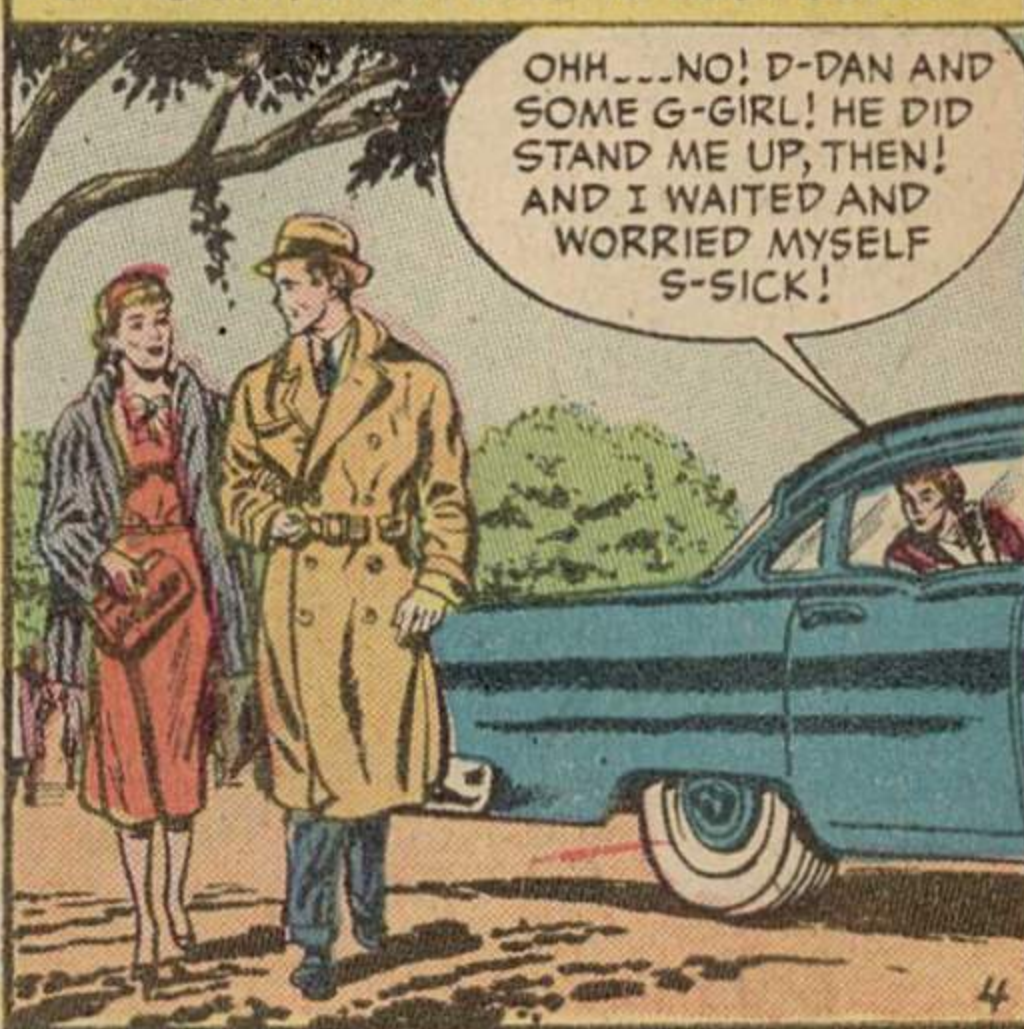


THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO
BUT FACE THE STARK REALITY... DAN
HAD STOOD ME UP!



TO 18 J-JACKSON
PLACE, P-PLEASE!
SOB

A FEW BLOCKS FURTHER MY CAB STOPPED
FOR A LIGHT! I HAPPENED TO LOOK OUT...



OHH...NO! D-DAN AND
SOME G-GIRL! HE DID
STAND ME UP, THEN!
AND I WAITED AND
WORRIED MYSELF
S-SICK!

I WAS GLAD JILL WAS OUT WHEN I GOT HOME!

OHH, DAN, HOW **COULD** YOU? I TH-THOUGHT YOU WERE SO F-FINE AND SQUARE! HOW COULD YOU HURT ME SO? WHY COULDN'T YOU HAVE BEEN HONEST?

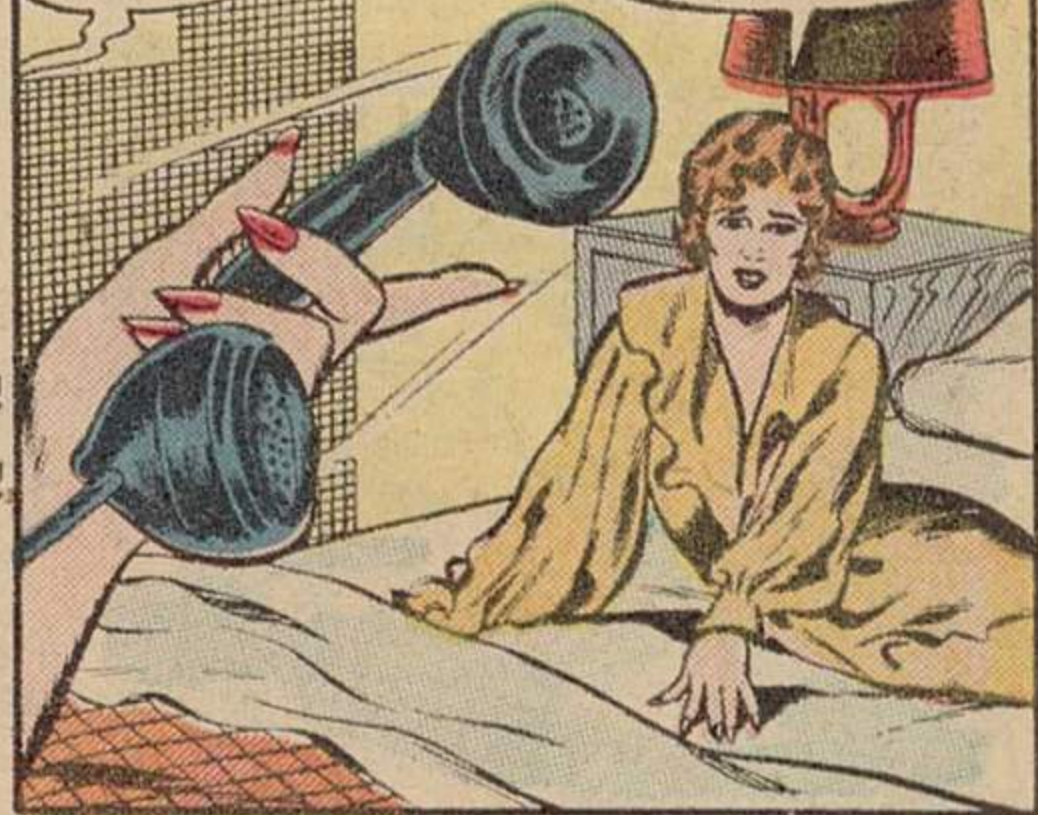


I WAS ASLEEP WHEN JILL GOT IN! THE NEXT MORNING I WAS AWAKENED BY THE TELEPHONE! JILL ANSWERED!



WHAT GIVES? IT'S DAN AND HE SAYS HE HAS TO TALK TO YOU RIGHT AWAY!

H-HANG UP! I N-NEVER WANT TO S-SPEAK TO HIM AGAIN! TELL HIM NOT TO B-BOTHER ME, EVER AGAIN!



WHEN SHE HUNG UP, I SOBBED OUT THE WHOLE STORY!

YOU POOR KID! I'D BEGUN TO BELIEVE DAN WASN'T STILL THAT KIND OF HEARTBREAKER! ARE YOU POSITIVE IT WAS DAN YOU SAW?

Y-YES! HE AND THAT G-GIRL WEREN'T TEN FEET FROM ME! THERE WAS NO MISTAKE! OHH, JILL, I'M SO M-MISERABLE!



WE FINALLY GOT READY FOR THE DAY'S WORK!

LOIS! I'VE GOT TO SPEAK TO YOU!

UH-OH! YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, HONEY! BUT DON'T LET HIM SELL YOU A FAST LINE! I HEAR HE'S GOOD AT IT!



WITH HURT AND HUMILIATION TO FIRE MY ANGER, I BLAZED MY RESENTMENT AT DAN!

WELL... I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE AN EXCUSE! WAS IT A BROKEN LEG OR A SICK FRIEND, DAN HADLEY!

NEITHER, LOIS! IT... IT WAS ANOTHER GIRL!



I WAS STUNNED BY THE UNEXPECTED ANSWER!



PLEASE, DEAR! SHE'S A GIRL I BROKE OFF WITH BEFORE I MOVED HERE! SHE ARRIVED LAST EVENING TO TRY TO MAKE ME GO BACK!

I HOPE YOU HAVE A PLEASANT TRIP! NOW I MUST GO TO WORK!



WAIT! I COULDN'T PHONE YOU AND SHE THREATENED TO MAKE A SCENE IF I LEFT! I... I WAS FRANTIC, LOIS, BUT WHAT COULD I DO? I FINALLY GOT RID OF HER, TOO LATE TO CALL YOU!





I TOLD HER I'D FALLEN IN LOVE WITH AN ANGEL... AND I HAVE! ALL THE REST IS OVER, NOW! I LOVE YOU, LOIS! NO ONE BUT YOU!

DAN... DAN...! DO YOU MEAN IT?

THEN ALL MY DOUBTS AND FEARS DISSOLVED AND I WAS IN DAN'S ARMS!



FROM THEN ON WE WERE TOGETHER EVERY EVENING! DAN FINALLY TOLD ME ABOUT THE OTHER GIRL!



I NEVER LOVED HER AS I LOVE YOU, SWEETHEART! SHE WAS NICE BUT YOU ARE MY FIRST REAL LOVE!

AND YOU ARE MINE, DAN... MY ONLY LOVE, FOREVER AND EVER!

THEN LET'S SET A WEDDING DATE, DEAREST! I HAVE A GOOD JOB AND SOME MONEY SAVED! LET'S NOT POSTPONE HEAVEN ANY LONGER!



YES, DAN! I'M READY! LET'S MAKE IT SOON SO NOTHING ELSE CAN EVER COME BETWEEN US!

WE COULDN'T WAIT TO RUSH HOME AND TELL ED AND JILL!

IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO TWO NICER PEOPLE, DAN! I ONLY WISH JILL AND I HAD ENOUGH SAVED UP TO MAKE IT A DOUBLE WEDDING!

I GUESS I WAS WRONG, HONEY! I DIDN'T THINK THIS WOULD WORK OUT... BUT IT HAS! ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD!



I WAS TOO EXCITED FOR SLEEP THAT NIGHT... AND IN THE SMALL HOURS OF DARKNESS, SOMETHING CAME TO GNAW AT MY HAPPINESS!

WHAT DID JILL MEAN... THINKING IT WOULDN'T WORK OUT? SHE... SHE ACTS AS IF SHE HADN'T LIKED DAN! BUT SHE BROUGHT US TOGETHER!

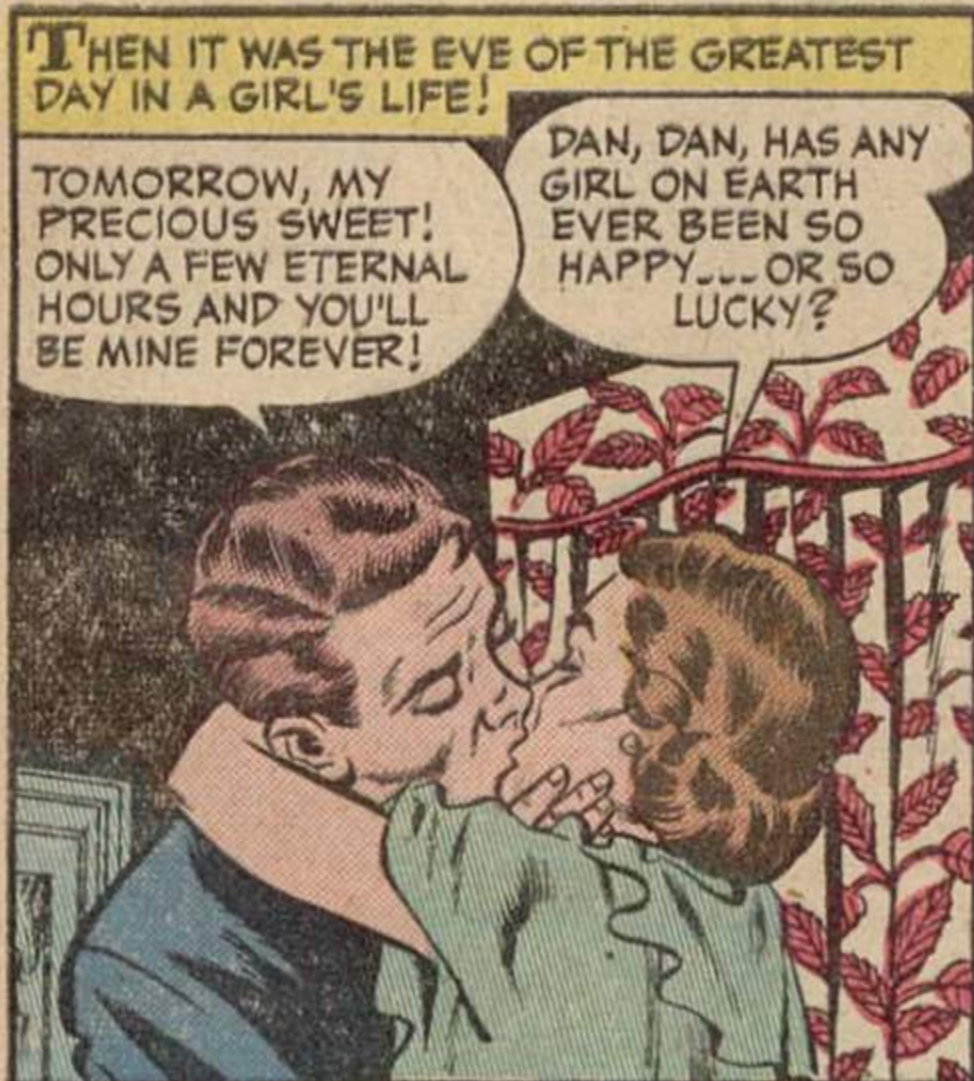


THE DAYS RUSHED BY IN AN ENDLESS RAPTURE THAT BURIED MY DOUBTS! THE GIRLS AT THE OFFICE GAVE ME A SHOWER!

AND WE'RE HAVING THE WEDDING ON SATURDAY SO YOU CAN ALL COME!

TRY AND KEEP US AWAY! AND ASK DAN IF THERE ARE ANY MORE AS NICE AS HIM AT HOME!





THEN IT WAS THE EVE OF THE GREATEST DAY IN A GIRL'S LIFE!

TOMORROW, MY PRECIOUS SWEET! ONLY A FEW ETERNAL HOURS AND YOU'LL BE MINE FOREVER!

DAN, DAN, HAS ANY GIRL ON EARTH EVER BEEN SO HAPPY... OR SO LUCKY?

IT WAS NO ELABORATE CEREMONY... BUT A QUIET LITTLE WEDDING IN A MODEST LITTLE CHURCH WE'D PICKED!



GEE, IF IT WEREN'T FOR JILL AND DAN, I'D MARRY YOU MYSELF, LOIS! YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL DREAM!

GET GOING, POET! GO COLLECT OUR EAGER BRIDEGROOM BEFORE YOU GO OVERBOARD AND DECIDE I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU!



MEN, MEN! NOW BOTH OF THEM ARE MISSING AND IT'S TIME RIGHT NOW!

M-MAYBE DAN IS AS N-NERVOUS AS I AM, JILL! WHY SHOULD ANYTHING SO WONDERFUL BE SO S-SCARY?



THAT LUG! WHERE IS HE, BABY? I MAKE THE TRIP OVER AND FIND OUT HE DASHED OFF JUST BEFORE I GOT THERE!

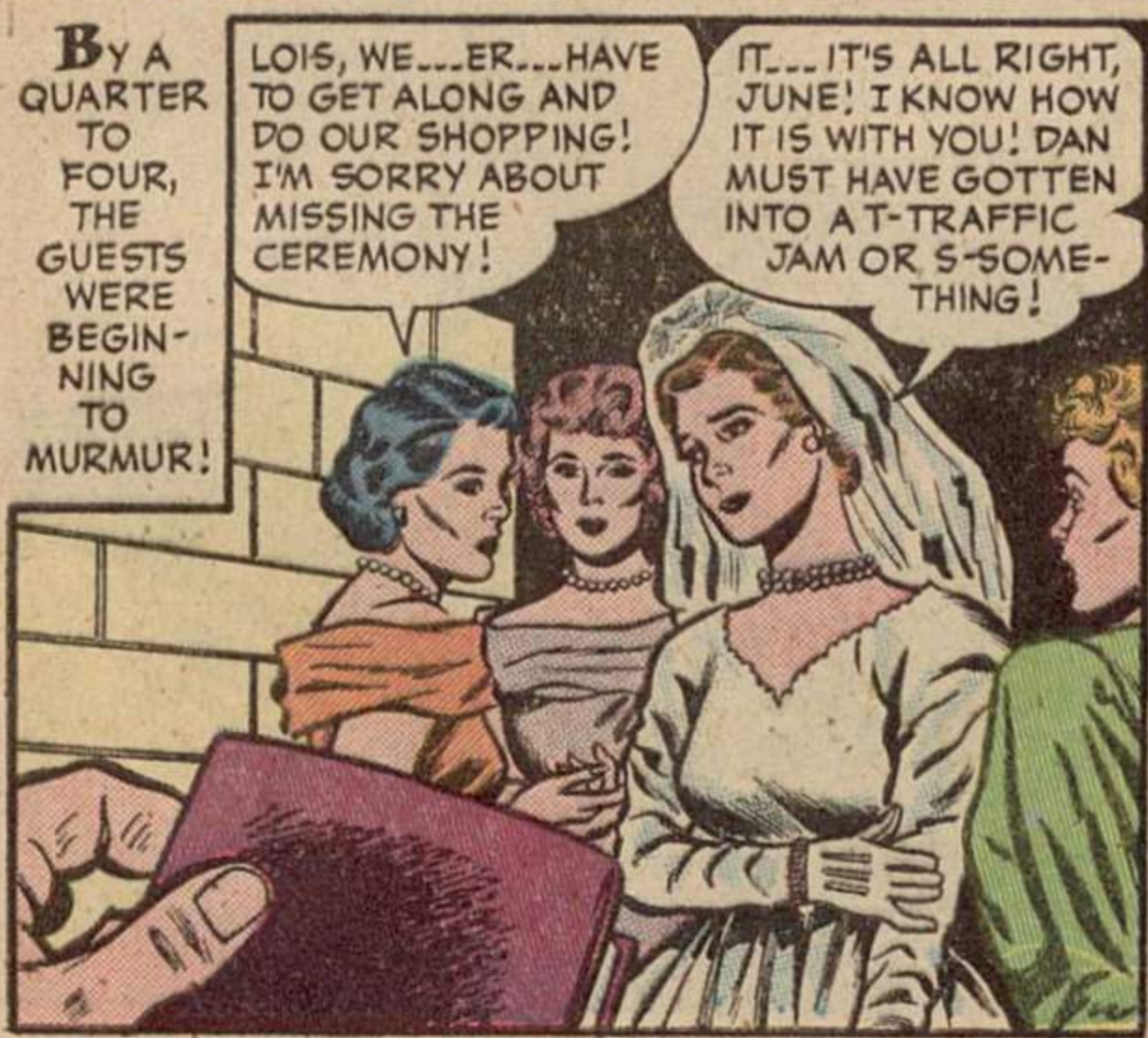
WHA...? BUT HE ISN'T HERE, ED? ARE YOU SURE?



THE FIRST COLD HAND OF FEAR TOUCHED MY HEART THEN... BUT I PUSHED IT BACK!

AHEM! WE'RE QUITE LATE FOR THIS CEREMONY! I BELIEVE THE ARRANGEMENT WAS FOR THREE O'CLOCK!

I... I'M SORRY, REVEREND HOWELL, BUT MY... MY BRIDEGROOM HAS BEEN DETAINED! HE'LL BE HERE ANY MOMENT!



BY A QUARTER TO FOUR, THE GUESTS WERE BEGINNING TO MURMUR!

LOIS, WE...ER...HAVE TO GET ALONG AND DO OUR SHOPPING! I'M SORRY ABOUT MISSING THE CEREMONY!

IT... IT'S ALL RIGHT, JUNE! I KNOW HOW IT IS WITH YOU! DAN MUST HAVE GOTTEN INTO A T-TRAFFIC JAM OR S-SOME-THING!



WHEN A FULL HOUR HAD DRAGGED BY, THERE WAS NO MORE PRETENDING!

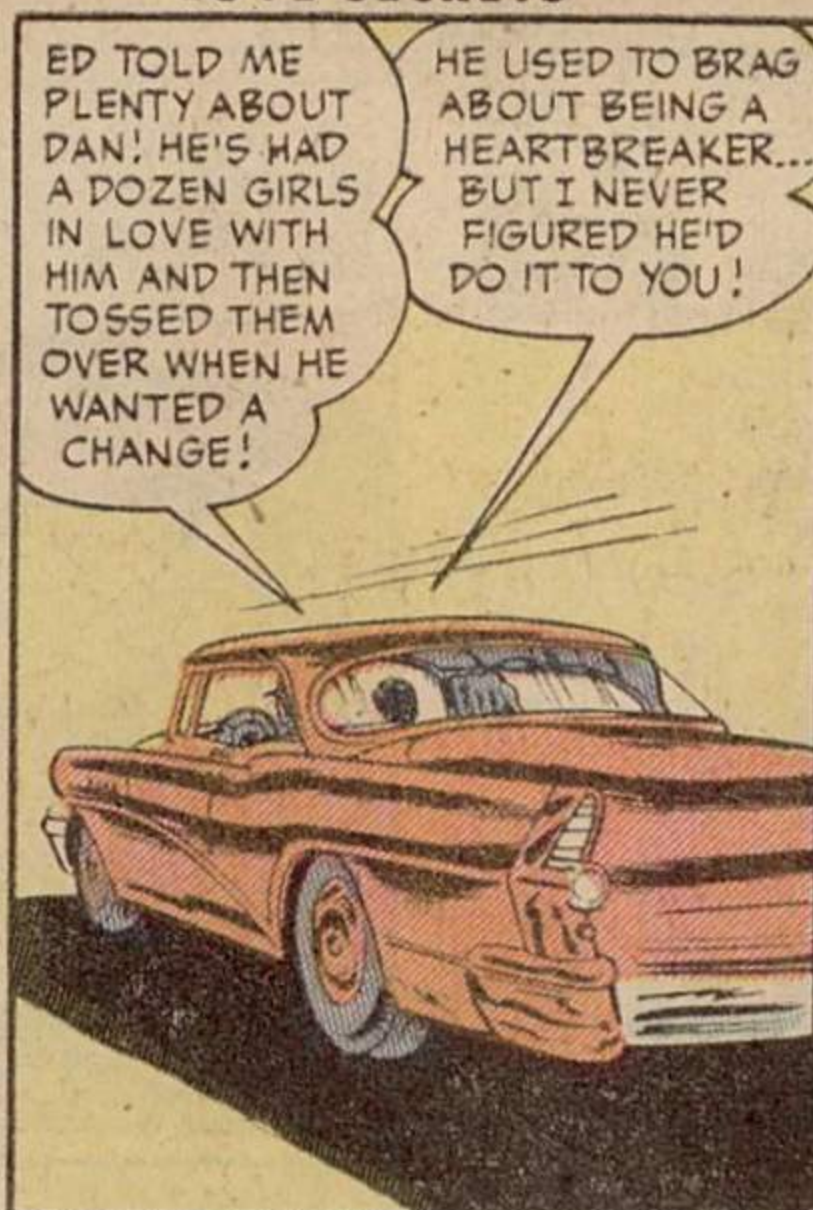
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! I HAVE OTHER DUTIES!

I KN-KNOW! I G-GUESS... SOB... THE WEDDING IS OFF!



M-MAYBE HE'S ILL... OR HURT!

DON'T BE A CHUMP! IT'S TIME YOU KNEW THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT TWO-TIMING, NO-GOOD HEEL! HE STOOD YOU UP ONCE BEFORE, REMEMBER!



ED TOLD ME PLENTY ABOUT DAN! HE'S HAD A DOZEN GIRLS IN LOVE WITH HIM AND THEN TOSSED THEM OVER WHEN HE WANTED A CHANGE!

HE USED TO BRAG ABOUT BEING A HEARTBREAKER... BUT I NEVER FIGURED HE'D DO IT TO YOU!



P-PLEASE, DON'T T-TALK ABOUT IT! J-JUST TAKE ME HOME! I WANT TO BE AL-LONE!

POOR HONEY! I WISH I'D FOLLOWED MY FIRST IMPULSE AND TOLD YOU BEFORE YOU GOT TOO FAR IN LOVE! I THOUGHT MAYBE HE *HAD* CHANGED!

BLINDED BY GRIEF AND HUMILIATION, I RAN INTO THE BED-ROOM! I WANTED TO SHUT MYSELF AWAY FROM EVERYONE FOREVER!



SOB! OH, DAN, DAN, HOW COULD YOU HURT ME SO? YOU DIDN'T H-HAVE TO BREAK IT OFF TH-THIS WAY! YOU ASKED ME TO HAVE F-FAITH IN YOU...

SUDDENLY THAT WORD "FAITH" BROUGHT BACK THE MOMENT WHEN DAN HAD USED IT! I COULD HEAR HIS VOICE AGAIN...



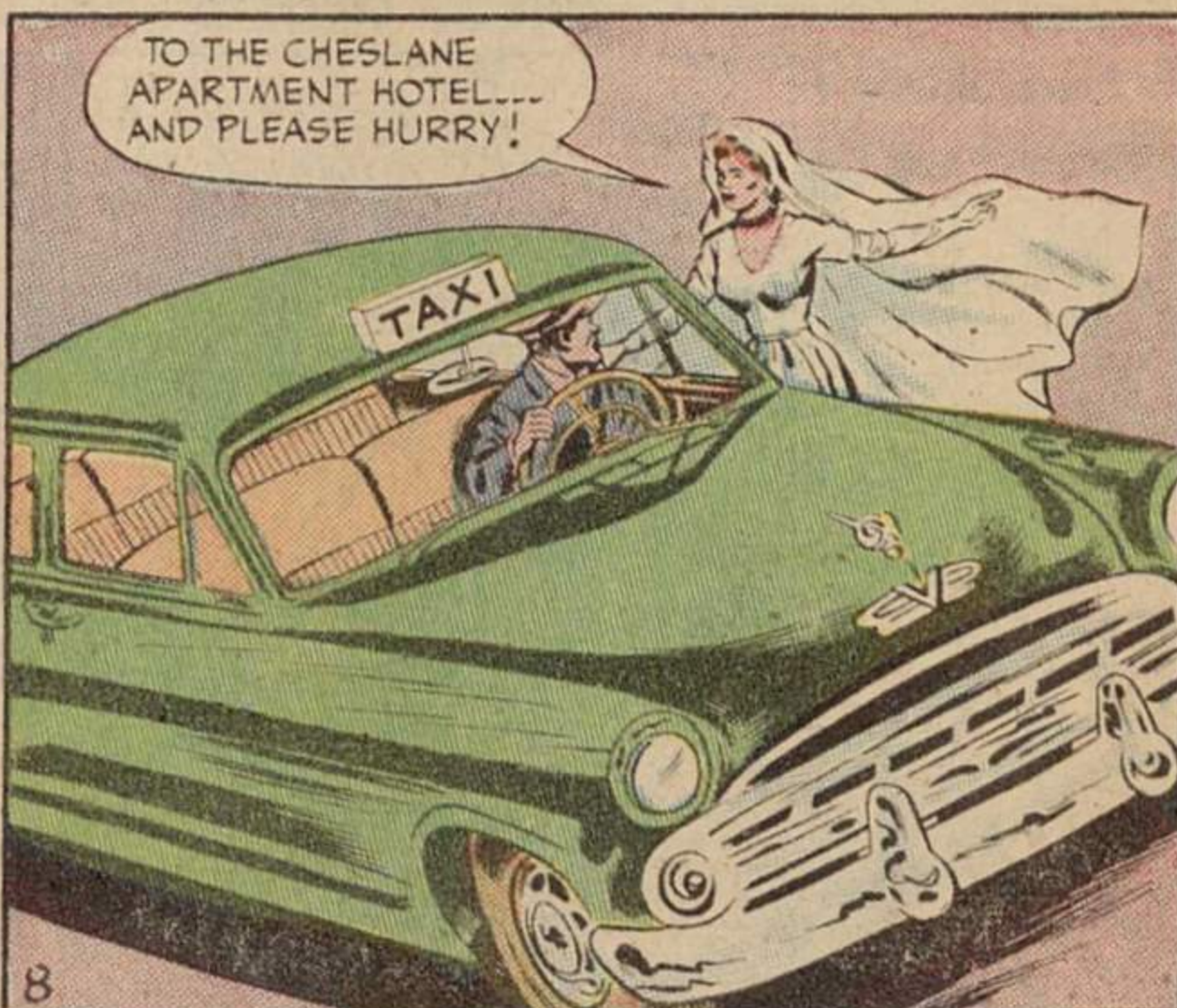
I WANT YOUR TRUST... YOUR ETERNAL FAITH!

DAN, I PROMISED MY TRUST... AND NOW I'M TURNING AGAINST YOU! I *DO* HAVE FAITH!

JILL AND ED HAD GONE SOMEWHERE! I RUSHED OUT HEEDLESS OF MY RUMPLED, TEAR-STAINED WEDDING GOWN!



I'LL BELIEVE IN DAN UNTIL HE TELLS ME WE'RE THROUGH! I'M SURE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO KEEP HIM AWAY!



TO THE CHESLANE APARTMENT HOTEL... AND PLEASE HURRY!



HE RACED OUT OF HERE, ALL DRESSED FOR HIS WEDDING, MA'AM! WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE!

THEN... THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE P-PLACE I MUST T-TRY!

IN A DAZE OF GRIEF AND WORRY, I RUSHED TO THE POLICE STATION!

YES, MA'AM! THERE WAS A TAXICAB ACCIDENT NEAR THE CHESLANE ABOUT 2:30! THE PASSENGER WAS TAKEN TO PARKVIEW HOSPITAL!

IT'S DAN! OHH... I KNOW IT'S DAN!

YOU MUST BE, LOIS! WE HAVE A PATIENT DRIVING US CRAZY TO FIND HIS MISSING BRIDE! COME RIGHT ON IN!

THEN HE ISN'T BADLY HURT? OH, THANK HEAVEN...!

DARLING! I WAS KNOCKED OUT FOR TWO HOURS! I'VE BEEN MOVING HEAVEN AND EARTH SINCE I WOKE UP TO FIND YOU!

DAN, DAN, OH, MY PRECIOUS LOVE!

I WAS TERRIFIED FOR FEAR YOU'D THINK I RAN OUT ON YOU! THEN I REMEMBERED... YOU PROMISED TO TRUST ME! SO I CALLED THE MINISTER!

I... I ALMOST DIDN'T, DAN! THEN I REMEMBERED... AND I'M GLAD I DID!

...WON'T SPEAK OF TRUST! YOU HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED A FULL MEASURE OF THAT! I'LL ONLY WISH YOU ALL HAPPINESS!

I HAVE MINE, RIGHT HERE IN THIS ARM!

I'M... I'M ASHAMED, ED! LOIS TAUGHT ME A LESSON IN FAITH!

SHE TAUGHT US BOTH A LESSON, JILL! WE'LL NEVER FORGET IT... NOR WILL DAN!

LOVE SECRETS

DON'T LET ANYONE ASK YOU WHAT YOUR "IDEAL MAN" WOULD BE LIKE! I MADE THAT MISTAKE! IN MY ROMANTIC IMAGINATION I PAINTED A MAKE-BELIEVE IDOL AND SWORE THAT I WOULD NEVER MARRY UNTIL HE CAME INTO MY LIFE! AND IT TOOK A BITTER LESSON TO TEACH ME THAT DREAM MEN DON'T EXIST AND THAT WE CAN'T DICTATE TO OUR HEARTS!

The Man of My Dreams



IT WAS ROBERTA HAMMOND, ONE OF MY MARRIED GIRLFRIENDS, WHO STARTED ME ON MY DISASTROUS COURSE!

SOB! FRED ALWAYS SEEMED SO ROMANTIC AND WONDERFUL! SOB! SINCE WE'RE MARRIED, EVERYTHING'S CHANGED! OH, PEGGY, WHY DID I MARRY HIM?

I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR QUARREL, ROBERTA! I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULD DO!



NOBODY CAN DO ANYTHING NOW! I GUESS I SHOULD HAVE... THOUGHT ABOUT THESE THINGS BEFORE I GOT MARRIED!



I'M GOING TO, ROBERTA! BEFORE I TIE MYSELF DOWN FOR LIFE, I'M GOING TO BE SURE THE MAN I'M MARRYING IS PERFECT!

ROBERTA'S OPENED MY EYES! I THOUGHT GLEN WAS THE MAN FOR ME, BUT I CAN SEE NOW HE'S FAR FROM BEING MY IDEAL!



GLEN MADISON AND I HAD BEEN SCHOOLDAY SWEET-HEARTS, BUT THOUGH HE WAS THOUGHTFUL AND AFFECTIONATE, HE FELL SHORT OF THE MARK I HAD SET!

LET'S TRY TO GET AWAY FROM THIS PARTY EARLY, HONEY! I'D RATHER BE ALONE WITH YOU!

WE'LL SEE, GLEN! HE'S NOT PARTICULARLY HANDSOME OR CLEVER! AND HE'S JUST A LOW-SALARIED CLERK! I'D NEVER BE HAPPY WITH GLEN!



THEN, AS IF FATE HAD DECIDED TO TAKE A HAND!

PEGGY CAMERON, I WANT YOU TO KNOW MONTE PIERCE! HE OWNS THAT NEW FURNITURE FACTORY ON RAYBURN STREET!

OH, REALLY! I NEARLY APPLIED FOR A JOB THERE!



I WISH YOU HAD! I HAVE A SHOWROOM FULL OF BEAUTIFUL ARMCHAIRS AND NO GORGEOUS GIRLS TO SIT IN THEM!

AH-AH! FLATTERY, FLATTERY!

HE MUST BE ENGAGED TO SOME LUCKY GIRL! MEN LIKE THIS DON'T STAY IN CIRCULATION LONG!



BUT I WAS WRONG ABOUT MONTE! HE WAS VERY MUCH IN CIRCULATION, AS I LEARNED NEXT MORNING!

OF COURSE I REMEMBER YOU, MONTE! BUT, GOOD HEAVENS, AT THIS HOUR OF THE MORNING, HOW CAN I DECIDE IF I WANT TO GO FOR A DRIVE WITH YOU?



IT TOOK VERY LITTLE COAXING TO MAKE ME SAY YES TO THAT IMPULSIVE DATE!

YOU MEAN YOU CAN JUST UP AND DECIDE TO TAKE THE DAY OFF?

THAT'S ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING YOUR OWN BOSS, PEGGY! WHEN YOU MEET A GIRL WHO SENDS YOU INTO A SPIN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WASTE ANY TIME GETTING BETTER ACQUAINTED!



DON'T TELL ME I SENT YOU INTO A SPIN! WHY, YOU JUST MET ME!

I TOLD YOU I DON'T BELIEVE IN WASTING TIME, PEGGY!



IT SEEMED FANTASTIC, BUT MY HEART POUNDED FURIOUSLY AND EAGERLY, RECKLESSLY, MY LIPS RESPONDED TO A STRANGER'S KISS!



THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A ROMANCE THAT SWEPT ME OFF MY FEET AND LEFT ME BREATHLESS! AND BEFORE LONG!



NOT EVEN GLEN'S DISTURBING NEWS DAMPENED MY WILD ENTHUSIASM OVER MONTE!

GO AHEAD AND DATE HIM IF YOU WANT TO! MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF! I TELL YOU HE'S ENGAGED TO JEAN TYLER!

THAT MOUSY GIRL WE MET AT THE PARTY? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!



IT'S TRUE, PEGGY! AND IF YOU TAKE THE TROUBLE TO CHECK, YOU'D LEARN HE'S GOT A MILE-WIDE REPUTATION AS A FLIRT!

NATURALLY YOU'D SAY THAT! IT COULDN'T BE BECAUSE YOU'RE JEALOUS!

ALL RIGHT, SO I AM JEALOUS! I LOVE YOU, PEG! I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU GET HURT!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! I'VE WAITED ALL MY LIFE FOR A MAN LIKE MONTE!

WELL, IF HE'S YOUR IDEAL, IT'S TIME I STEPPED OUT OF THE PICTURE! BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY CONSCIENCE, YOU'LL CONSIDER JEAN TYLER!

IF MONTE'S REALLY ENGAGED TO HER IT'S ONLY BECAUSE HE DIDN'T MEET ME FIRST!



TRY TO UNDERSTAND, GLEN! MONTE AND I WERE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER! WE'RE TERRIBLY IN LOVE AND...

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH, PEGGY! ALL I CAN SAY IS GOOD LUCK!

FOR A MOMENT I FELT THE URGE TO CALL GLEN BACK, FELT THAT SOMETHING VITALLY IMPORTANT HAD GONE OUT OF MY LIFE! BUT, THEN...

LET HIM GO! I'VE MET MY IDEAL NOW AND NOBODY ELSE MATTERS! NOT EVEN JEAN TYLER!



LOVE SECRETS

I MENTIONED JEAN TYLER TO MONTE DURING OUR DATE NEXT EVENING!

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT HER SOONER, HON! BUT, BELIEVE ME, JEAN DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME! NOT SINCE I'VE MET YOU!

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR ENGAGEMENT?



SHE'LL HAVE TO BE TOLD, OF COURSE! BUT NOTHING MATTERS, PEGGY... NOTHING BUT OUR LOVE!

I HOPE SHE WON'T BE HURT! BUT THE SOONER YOU MAKE THE BREAK, THE SOONER WE'LL BE COMPLETELY FREE!



AND WE CAN START MAKING OUR OWN PLANS!

PLANS?



YOU DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO LET A LOVELY CREATURE LIKE YOU GET AWAY FROM ME! WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED, SWEET!

OH, MONTE, IT'S ALMOST TOO WONDERFUL TO BE TRUE!



IT WAS LIKE A GLORIOUS DREAM, HAVING MONTE'S LOVE! BUT THERE WERE PENALTIES I HADN'T EXPECTED!

YOU KNOW THE ONE I MEAN, ALICE! THAT PEGGY CAMERON! I'LL SWEAR SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY CONSCIENCE!

NOT IF SHE'S RUNNING AROUND WITH MONTE PIERCE! WHY, EVERYBODY KNOWS HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE MARRYING THE TYLER GIRL!



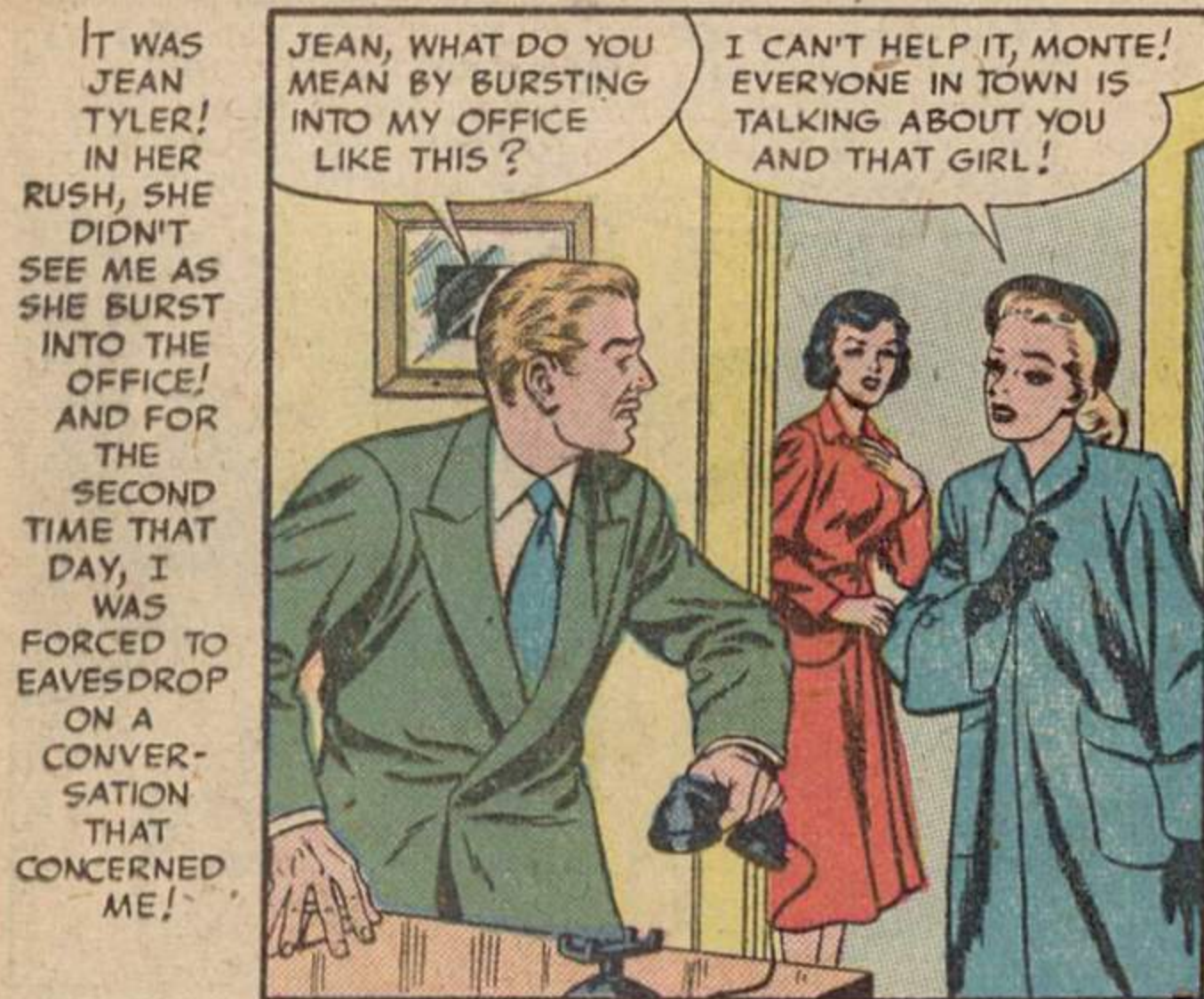
IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT PEGGY CAMERON'S ONLY INTERESTED IN MONEY! THAT PIERCE FACTORY IS A GOLD-MINE, YOU KNOW!

HUH! WOMEN LIKE THAT OUGHT TO BE SHOT!



I NEVER THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS A HEART-BREAKER! I HOPE MONTE WILL BREAK THE NEWS GENTLY! I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM, BUT I DON'T WANT TO HURT THAT GIRL!





LOVE SECRETS

OH, I KNOW! YOU'RE UPSET BECAUSE YOU SAW THAT CHILDISH BURST OF EMOTIONS! IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT SICKENS ME IT'S HYSTERICAL MELODRAMA!

MELODRAMA! YOU PROMISED TO MARRY THAT GIRL! YOU BUILD UP HER HOPES, JUST AS YOU BUILT UP MINE!



IS THAT THE WAY YOU'LL GET RID OF ME WHEN I BEGIN TO BORE YOU? YOU AREN'T IN LOVE WITH ME OR ANYONE ELSE!

BUT I AM, DARLING! I WORSHIP YOU! YOU MUST KNOW THAT!



YOU CAN'T BE IN LOVE WITH ME OR ANYONE ELSE! A MAN HAS TO HAVE A **HEART** BEFORE HE CAN FALL IN LOVE!

WAIT, PEGGY! THIS IS JUST A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING...



GOOD LOOKS! SMOOTH MANNER! MONEY! AS THOUGH THEY REALLY MATTERED! AS THOUGH I COULDN'T HAVE FOUND MY IDEAL IN A **REAL** MAN... LIKE GLEN!



TO MONTE IT WAS "JUST A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING"! BUT TO ME IT WAS THE TURNING POINT IN MY LIFE!

BUT GLEN WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ME! MONTHS WENT BY... AFTER MANY FUTILE CALLS AND LETTERS ON MY PART, HE FINALLY PHONED ME! TEARS WELLED UP IN MY EYES AS I HEARD HIS VOICE!

I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU IF YOU LAUGHED AT ME, GLEN! BUT... I'M SO DESPERATELY LONELY FOR YOU! AND I'VE LEARNED SUCH A BITTER LESSON!



DEPENDABLE, WONDERFUL GLEN! HE WAS WORTH A MILLION LIKE MONTE!



OH, GLEN, IT MEANS SO MUCH MORE TO HEAR YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME! YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD!

BUT THAT "IDEAL MAN", SWEETHEART! WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HIM?

I'M NOT MUCH TO LOOK AT, I'M A DOPE AT PARTIES... AND HEAVEN KNOWS I'M JUST ONE JUMP AHEAD OF MY CREDITORS!

BUT YOU'RE PERFECT FOR ME, DARLING! AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!



"IDEAL MAN"? EACH GIRL CAN FIND HER OWN, JUST AS I FOUND GLEN! BUT ONLY IF SHE FORGETS THOSE SHALLOW REQUIREMENTS I HAD SET UP FOR MYSELF! ONLY IF SHE LISTENS TO HER HEART!

LOVE SECRETS

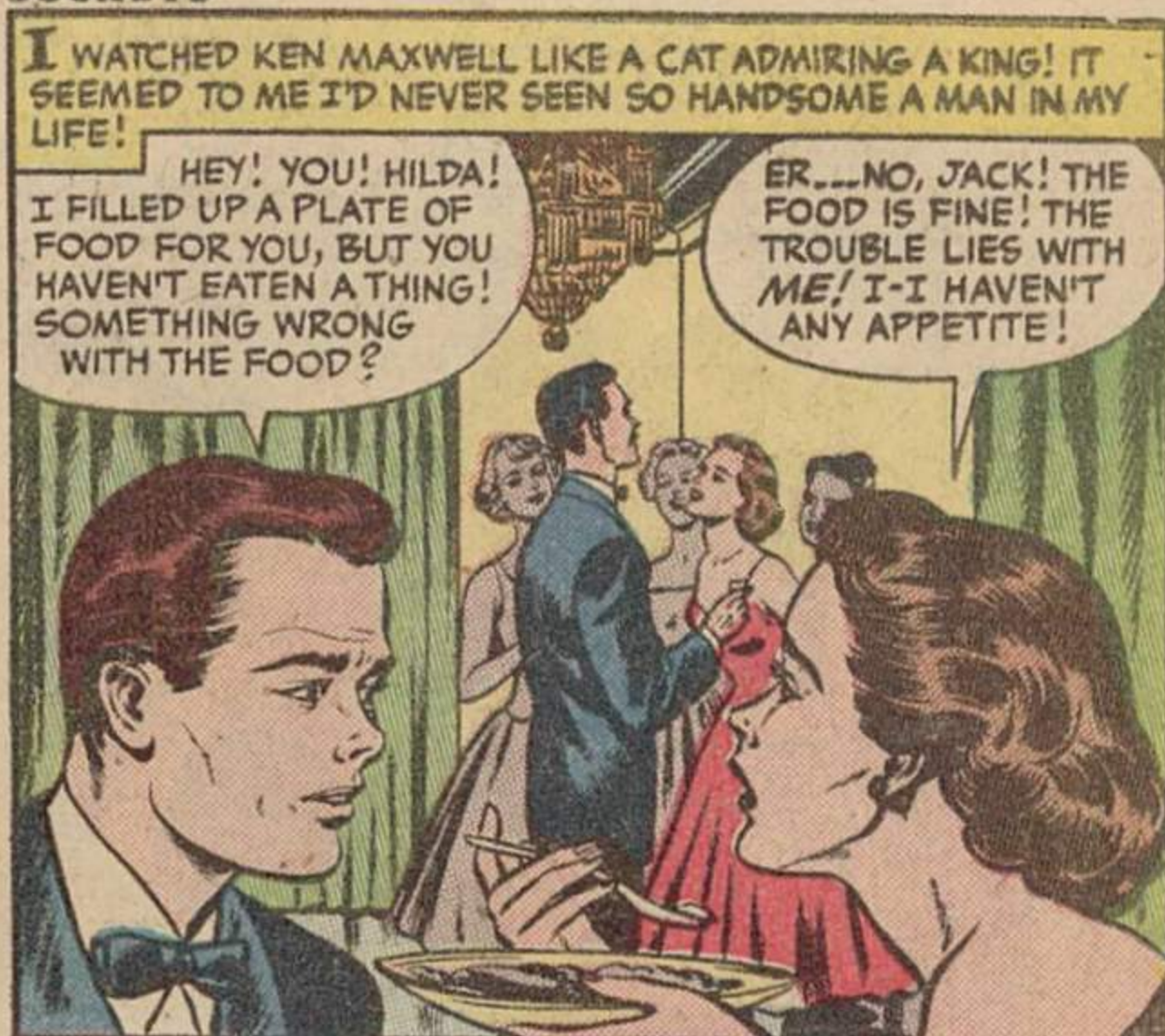
I WAS SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH KEN MAXWELL! COMPLETELY, MADLY AND ETERNALLY IN LOVE WITH HIM! YET THE ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO SHOULD'VE KNOWN IT...KEN MAXWELL HIMSELF...DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I WAS ALIVE! AND IT WAS MY FAULT! I WAS A PERSON LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF MY FEARS! I HAD BUILT A WALL OF RESERVE AROUND ME SO HIGH AND SO THICK THAT IT SEEMED I COULD NEVER BREAK AWAY FROM...

My Shy Romance

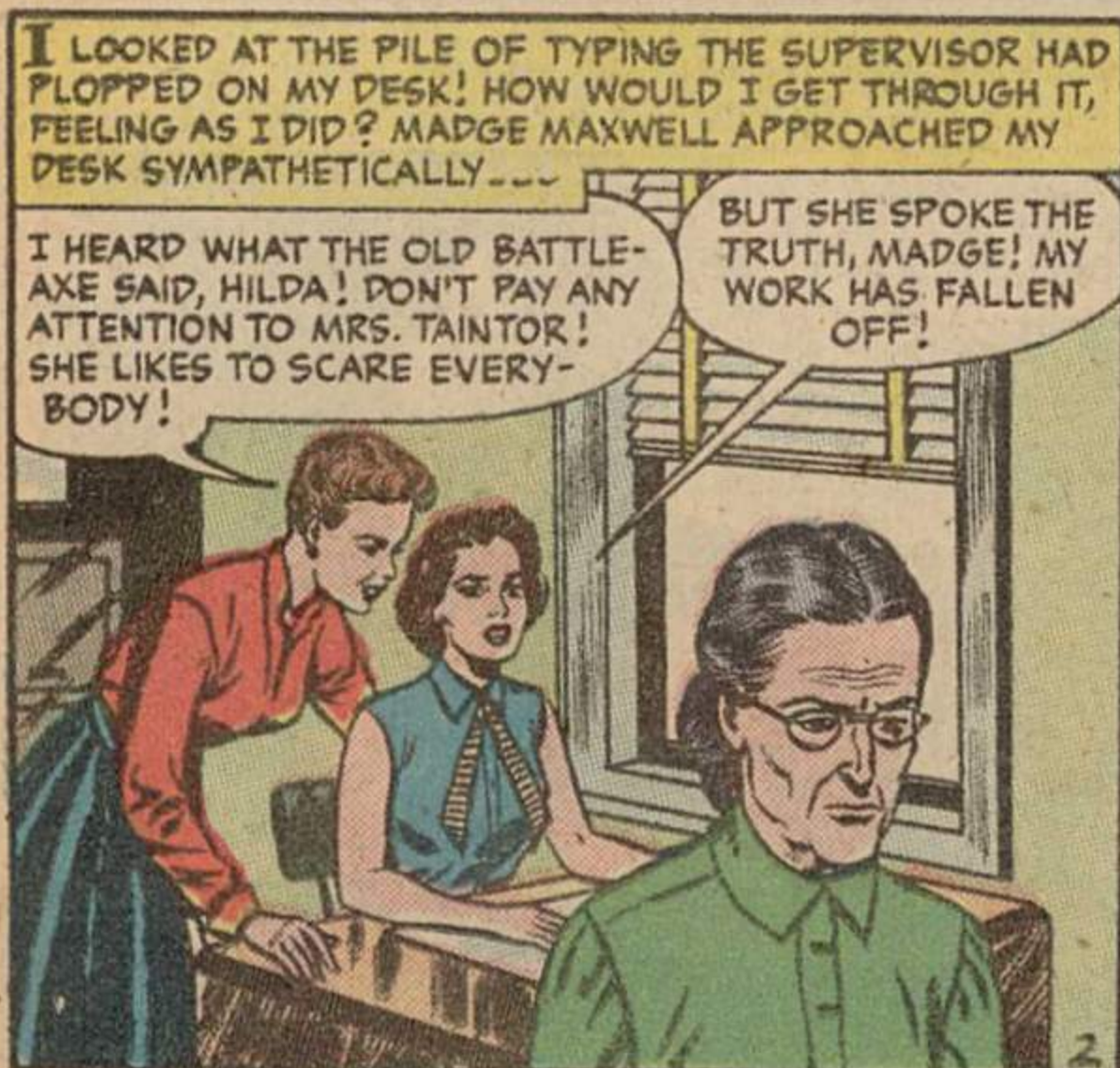


FROM THE MOMENT I LAID EYES ON KEN MAXWELL, IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...FOR ME! WE TRAVELED IN THE SAME CROWD, WENT TO THE SAME AFFAIRS, PARTIES AND DANCES, BUT I WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A NAME TO HIM!





IT WAS TRUE. I COULDN'T EAT, I COULDN'T SLEEP AND WORST OF ALL I COULDN'T WORK! EVEN WHEN KEN WASN'T AROUND, I KEPT DREAMING ABOUT HIM! I'D STARE OUT THE OFFICE WINDOW AND INSTEAD OF SEEING THE BAY, I'D SEE KEN!



HERE WAS AN IRONY! THE SISTER OF THE BOY I LOVED WAS ASKING ME TO TELL HER WHAT WAS BOTHERING ME! MADGE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON, BUT I WAS TOO SHY TO REVEAL MY SECRET TO HER!

I-I KNOW YOU MEAN WELL, MADGE, AND YOU'RE NOT PRYING! BUT I-I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT IT IS!

THAT MEANS ONLY ONE THING, HILDA! IT'S A MAN! YOU'RE IN LOVE!



H-HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE! YOUR ACTIONS REVEAL IT! YOU'RE NOT CAREER-MINDED! YOU'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT JOB ADVANCEMENT! IT'S NOT HEALTH! YOU LOOK WONDERFUL! IT'S NOT FAMILY TROUBLE!



I KNOW YOUR FAMILY! THEY'RE ALL WELL AND HEALTHY! THAT LEAVES ONLY ONE POSSIBILITY! ROMANCE! **FRUSTRATED** ROMANCE! REALLY, HILDA, IT'S NOT SO HARD TO PUZZLE OUT!

ISN'T IT? CAN YOU EXPLAIN **THIS**? CAN A GIRL BE IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW SHE'S ALIVE?



HILDA, I'M A WOMAN, TOO! I KNOW WHAT EMOTIONS ARE LIKE! LOVE IS THE DARNED-EST FEELING AND THE STRANGEST! LOVE CAN'T BE EXPLAINED SIMPLY! SO DON'T TRY!

THANKS MADGE! YOU'RE VERY SWEET TO TRY TO HELP ME!



GOOD! THEN DON'T FORGET THIS PIECE OF **ADVICE**, IF A BOY DOESN'T KNOW A GIRL IS IN LOVE WITH HIM IT'S MOSTLY HER FAULT!

BUT, MADGE... A GIRL CAN'T JUST GO UP TO A MAN AND SAY, "I LOVE YOU! I'VE LOVED YOU FROM THE DAY I LAID EYES ON YOU!" HE'D THINK SHE'S CRAZY!



IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO SAY **ALL** THAT... AT **FIRST**! BUT IF HE DOESN'T KNOW YOU EXIST, THEN YOU MAKE THE FIRST ADVANCE! THERE'S NO HARM IN IT... AND IT'S PERFECTLY PROPER IN THIS DAY AND AGE!

D-DO YOU **REALLY** THINK SO? I-I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT... **THAT** WAY!



AND I HADN'T! I'D OFTEN WISHED I COULD BREAK THROUGH MY SHYNESS SOMEHOW AND TELL KEN HOW I FELT! BUT THE WISH WAS ALWAYS DROWNED IN A FLOOD OF SHYNESS!

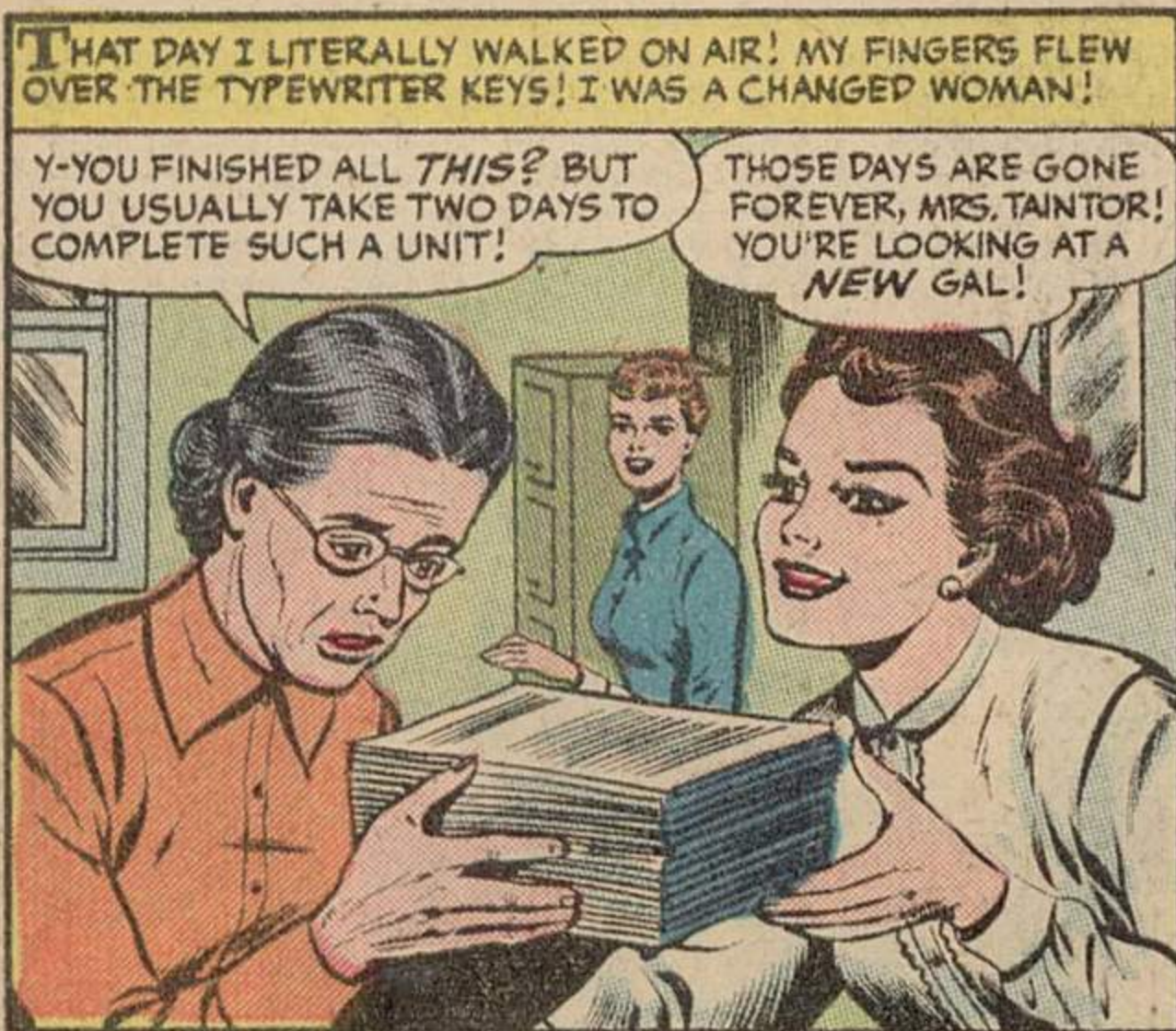
I-I CAN'T DO IT! I'M NOT AS BRAZEN AS SOME GIRLS ARE!





FINALLY, AT FIVE IN THE MORNING, I DOZED OFF! I HAD A DREAM---MY USUAL DREAM! I WAS MARRIED TO KEN AND WE WERE GOING TO HAWAII ON OUR HONEYMOON! I COULD EVEN HEAR HIS TENDER WORDS OF LOVE!





THE WEEK PASSED AS RAPIDLY AS IF IT WERE ONE DAY! SUDDENLY SATURDAY NIGHT WAS THERE AND KEN MAXWELL WAS CALLING FOR ME! MOM LIKED HIM AT ONCE, TOO! I COULD TELL FROM THE WAY SHE BEAMED AT US FROM THE DOOR!



YOU'RE MOTHER'S A FINE PERSON, HILDA! AND I WANT TO KEEP MY PROMISE TO HER! I'LL HAVE YOU HOME EARLY!

I HOPE WE HAVE A GOOD TIME AT THE DANCE!



IT WAS A GLORIOUS EVENING! ALL WEEK LONG MY HEART HAD BEEN FULL OF JOY AND EXPECTATION! AND I WASN'T DISAPPOINTED!

I'M GLAD WE'RE NOT WITH THE SAME BUNCH THIS WEEK! I DON'T MISS 'EM A BIT, DO YOU?



SURELY HE WAS JOKING! COULD I MISS ANYBODY SO LONG AS I WAS WITH THE MAN OF MY DREAMS? BESIDES, I HADN'T TOLD MADGE WHO THE MAN IN QUESTION WAS! IT WAS BEST SHE DIDN'T KNOW... YET! THE HOURS FLEW BY IN A BLUR OF JOY!

HOW WONDERFUL LIFE CAN BE... WHEN YOU'RE IN THE ARMS OF THE MAN YOU LOVE! I WISH THIS NIGHT WOULD NEVER END!



BUT END IT DID! I WAS ONLY CONSOLED BY THE THOUGHT OF THE COUNTLESS EVENINGS AHEAD THAT I MIGHT SPEND WITH KEN!

HILDA, I'M SO GRATEFUL YOU ASKED ME ALONG! THE DANCE WILL REMAIN A HIGH SPOT IN MY MEMORY!

AND IN MINE! I'VE ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT! THANKS FOR A LOVELY EVENING!



AT THE DOOR I WAS HOPING KEN WOULD KISS ME GOOD NIGHT! INSTEAD, HE HELD OUT HIS HAND! IT WAS ONLY THE FIRST OF MY DISAPPOINTMENTS!

IT WAS GREAT BEING WITH YOU TONIGHT, HILDA! I'LL SEE YOU AROUND, EH?

AROUND? I-I MEAN...ER...YES!



I WAS DYING FOR HIM TO ASK FOR ANOTHER DATE, BUT HE WAVED TO ME CHEERILY, TROTTED DOWN THE STEPS AND WAS GONE!

I-I'VE FAILED! I THOUGHT WE WERE GETTING ALONG REAL WELL! BUT I WAS ONLY ANOTHER DATE TO HIM!



I PRAYED THAT I WAS WRONG! MAYBE HE WOULD CALL DURING THE WEEK! BUT NO SUCH LUCK! I DIDN'T HEAR A THING FROM HIM! I DIDN'T SEE HIM AGAIN TILL THE END OF THE WEEK AT ONE OF THE GANG'S REGULAR GET-TOGETHERS!

HI, HILDA! NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

I-I'M BACK WHERE I STARTED! FROM! IT'S AS IF OUR DATE NEVER TOOK PLACE! IT'S CLEAR HE ISN'T INTERESTED IN ME ONE BIT!



ASIDE FROM SOME SMILES AND A FEW MEANINGLESS EXCHANGES OF WORDS, IT WAS AS IF WE'D NEVER BEEN OUT BEFORE! I WATCHED HIM FROM A DISTANCE AND ATE MY HEART OUT!

IT'LL NEVER BE! MY DREAMS WILL NEVER COME TRUE! YOU CAN ASK A PERSON OUT, BUT YOU CAN'T FORCE HIM TO LOVE YOU!



I WAS SOON BACK TO MY OLD GLOOMY, TROUBLED SELF AGAIN! EVERYBODY AT THE OFFICE NOTICED IT... ESPECIALLY MADGE! ONE DAY, SHE TOOK ME OUT TO LUNCH!

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME *WHO* IT IS? MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU, HILDA!

NO, MADGE! YOU'RE A WONDERFUL FRIEND, BUT IT'S A SITUATION *FRIENDSHIP* CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT!



IN THAT CASE, LET'S TRY TO KILL THE GLOOM! I'M GOING TO AN OUT-OF-TOWN PARTY NEXT SATURDAY! THEY ASKED ME TO BRING A FRIEND! HOW ABOUT *YOU* BEING THAT FRIEND? IT MIGHT DIVERT YOU!

ALL RIGHT, MADGE! THANKS FOR ASKING ME! I'LL GO!



WE TOOK THE TRAIN UP! MY HOST AND HOSTESS MADE ME FEEL AT HOME AT ONCE! BUT JUST AS MADGE WAS SHOWING ME AROUND THE HOUSE, A HAND TAPPED MY SHOULDER, A FAMILIAR VOICE SAID...



HILDA!

I WHIRLED, IN A DAZE! IT WAS *KEN*!

MADGE CAN EXPLAIN WHAT I'M DOING HERE, HILDA! I'M EVEN EMBARRASSED TO EXPLAIN *THAT*!

HILDA, THIS BIG, HANDSOME GOOF OF A MAN HAS A CONFESSION TO MAKE TO YOU! AS HIS SISTER, I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN HIS DIFFICULTY! YOU THINK *YOU'RE* SHY? YOU'RE A BRAZEN HUSSY COMPARED TO *KEN MAXWELL*!



IT SEEMS KEN HAD NOTICED ME *SIX MONTHS* AGO AT THE SAME TIME I'D NOTICED HIM! BUT HE WAS TOO *SHY* TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT! THAT'S WHY HE'D KEPT HIS SILENCE!

HE WANTED TO ASK YOU FOR A DATE FOR EVERY NIGHT IN THE WEEK, BUT HE WAS AFRAID TO! HE FINALLY COULDN'T STAND CARRYING THE TORCH ANY MORE AND BROKE DOWN TO ME AND CONFESSED! THEN I REALIZED WHO IT WAS YOU WERE PINING AWAY FOR!

I KNEW MADGE WAS YOUR FRIEND! I ASKED HER TO ARRANGE A DATE... *ANYTHING* THAT COULD BRING US TOGETHER AGAIN, HILDA! I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH!



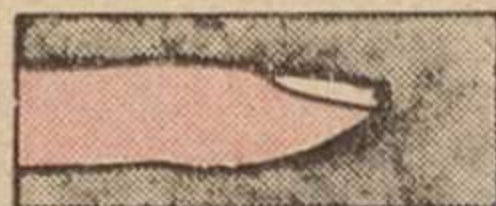
THE DAY AFTER MY BROTHER DATED YOU, YOU WERE SO ELATED! AFTER SOME THINKING IT CAME TO ME WHO YOUR SECRET LOVE WAS!

I WOULDN'T CHANGE HIM FOR THE WORLD! *KEN, DARLING*!



THERE WAS NO SHYNESS ABOUT THE *KISS*! KEN GAVE ME OR HIS FERVENT PROPOSAL OF *MARRIAGE*! HIS SHYNESS HAD NEVER BEEN OBVIOUS BECAUSE GIRLS HAD ALWAYS MOBBED HIM! WHAT I HAD TAKEN FOR A REJECTION ON *HIS* PART TURNED OUT TO BE HIS SHY ROMANCE! P.S. WE ARE SHY NO LONGER! BUT OUR *ROMANCE* WILL GO ON FOREVER!

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I Gambled and Won

WHEN I returned to my home city and learned that Jeff O'Brien was still a bachelor, a happy, golden glow seemed to fall over the smog-laden town. Jeff was a dedicated research engineer now, if anything, more handsome with the passage of years, and of course, still much sought after by marriage-minded females. I guess I shouldn't use that phrase too freely, because where Jeff was concerned, I was always quite marriage-minded. It started in about the eighth grade and ten years later I still hadn't changed.

I was filled with excitement when I learned that we would be at the same party on my first Saturday night home. I dressed with great care, aware that my few years on the staff of a well-known fashion magazine had served me well. And the flush of compliments I received upon my arrival at Celia and John's party, reassured me that I was a far cry from the shy, somewhat colorless high school girl of some years back. "You're an absolute beauty, Ann," cooed Celia. I was powdering my nose and so able to cover my state of fluster when she asked the question, "Are you still sweet on Jeff O'Brien?" I crossed my fingers as I assured her that I wasn't. She looked thoughtful for a moment. "I guess it's just as well. The girls are absolutely throwing themselves at him. The man's quite wary, now, poor lamb." I made no comment, but I resolved that I wouldn't join the throng in chasing him.

I saw him the moment I entered the living room. He didn't see me, and when he did, he didn't recognize me immediately. John had to say, "Surely you remember Ann Summers, Jeff." He seemed amazed and happy. "Ann! Of course, you're looking wonderful, just wonderful." His words sent shivers down my spine. I wanted to stand there just looking at him, but my attention was immediately taken by two other young men, neither of whom waited for John's introduction. Jeff took note of this, I observed, and though we didn't get a chance to talk too much, he seemed to hover around all evening. "May I take you home, Ann?" he finally burst in on a three-way conversation. It was said so earnestly and so spontaneously that I accepted readily.

Upstairs, getting my coat, I wondered quite cold-heartedly, what I could do to win Jeff. I

certainly realized that letting him know I was interested in him would scare him away if anything. "Yet," I mused, "everyone likes to feel that he or she is attractive to someone else." I pondered briefly and then decided to take a gamble. I imagine I must have been muttering that corny, old expression, "All's fair in love and war," as I went down the stairs.

In the car we chatted about the party for a bit and about my new job on the city newspaper and then I maneuvered the conversation in my intended direction. "I expect a good friend of mine to come from New York for a visit, Jeff," I began, "I wonder if I can count on you to escort her about a bit for me?" I noticed his surprise, which he covered quickly as I launched on a vivid description of Martha Ford, a top model friend of mine. It was true that Martha was eventually coming to visit me, but I hoped by then that Jeff and I would be an item. Surely a man can't suspect you of trying to win him, if you indicate you are interested in him only as a date for a friend.

Jeff heard me out before he spoke. "It's nice of you to think of me, Ann," he said slowly, "I'll be glad to meet Martha. But while we're on the subject of dates, will you come with me to the club dance next week?" I hesitated for an instant before I said I would. And I bade him a friendly, if just a bit reserved, goodnight. My gamble began to work even before the club dance because Jeff called and asked me to dinner one evening during the week. I guess it was lucky that I really had to work overtime that night because I was never so strongly tempted to say "Yes." It seemed like months until the night of the dance . . . that wonderful star-studded night. I knew by the end of the evening that I had won. Jeff asked to see me the next day and every evening of the following week. After that, he said, "And you'll have to line up another escort for Martha. I hope, better yet, I EXPECT to have all my time taken up by you."

Jeff and I were married a month after that. Next week Martha's coming and we've lined up two charming escorts for her. I've told Jeff about my "gamble" several times, but he thinks I'm teasing him. "Even if you did gamble, darling," he says, "I'm still the winner!"

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I WAS DEEPLY IN LOVE WITH A SOLDIER...BUT A MAN IN UNIFORM IS DUTYBOUND TO HIS COUNTRY AND HIS TIME IS NOT HIS OWN! SO EACH GOODBYE KISS LEFT ME WITH THE EMPTY FEELING OF LONELY MONTHS AHEAD! I WAS A COWARD AND MORE THAN ANYTHING I DREADED OUR

FAREWELL Date



I LOVE YOU, LARRY!
I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!
OH, PLEASE DON'T GO
AWAY WITHOUT
BELIEVING THAT!

MY LOVE FOR LARRY WAS BORN IN TOKYO, WHERE ROMANCE IS OFTEN A FLEETING DREAM...

I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING WE COULD DO FOR JOAN! IT WOULD KILL ME TO GO AN ORDEAL LIKE THAT!

I UNDERSTAND HER BOYFRIEND OVER IN EUROPE GAVE HER UP

POOR KID! I GUESS THAT'S THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR FALLING IN LOVE WITH A MAN WHO GETS TRANSFERRED AND IS SURE TO MEET OTHER GIRLS!

LARRY'S NEXT STOP IS KOREA! SOMETIMES, I...I WISH I WASN'T IN LOVE WITH HIM!

THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT, KITTY!

WE HAVEN'T THE RIGHT TO BE IN LOVE! IT ISN'T WORTH THE HEARTACHE AND THE ANXIETY!



IT WAS EASY ENOUGH TO SAY THAT I WOULDN'T LET MYSELF LOVE LARRY CRAIN TOO MUCH! BUT WHEN HE HELD ME IN HIS ARMS, I FOUND THAT I COULDN'T DICTATE TO MY HEART!

WHY CAN'T IT ALWAYS BE LIKE THIS, KITTY? JUST THE TWO OF US, CLOSE TOGETHER... QUIET AND AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD!

I CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT OTHER GIRLS TRYING TO STEAL YOU FROM ME!



DON'T SAY THAT, DARLING! BEFORE LONG OUR TOUR OF DUTY AND TIME IN THE SERVICE WILL BE OVER AND WE'LL BE BACK IN THE STATES!

YES BUT A LOT CAN HAPPEN BEFORE THEN!



WE'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH, KITTY! KEEP THINKING ABOUT THE THINGS I'M GOING TO BE WAITING FOR! THAT LITTLE HOUSE WE TALKED ABOUT IN SOME QUIET LITTLE TOWN BACK HOME!

WITH THE VEGETABLE GARDEN YOU'RE GOING TO RAISE!



SURE, AND THE RUMPIUS ROOM WE'LL HAVE IN THE BASEMENT SO THE NEIGHBORS CAN DROP IN AND PLAY PING-PONG! AND A NURSERY! YOU'RE GOING TO PAINT IT PINK AND...

AND STENCIL BIG CANDY CANES ON THE WALLS! SOB! OH, LARRY!



SOB! WE'RE FOOLS TO DREAM LIKE THIS! SOB! WE'RE FOOLS TO BELIEVE IT WILL EVER HAPPEN!

NO, HONEY... NO! WE'VE GOT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN! SOMETHING TO KEEP US GOING!

AND IF IT DOESN'T COME TRUE, LARRY? WHAT THEN?

YOU MEAN... IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO US? I DON'T KNOW, KITTY! DON'T LET YOURSELF THINK ABOUT THAT!

JUST KEEP ON DREAMING AND HOPING AND BELIEVING!

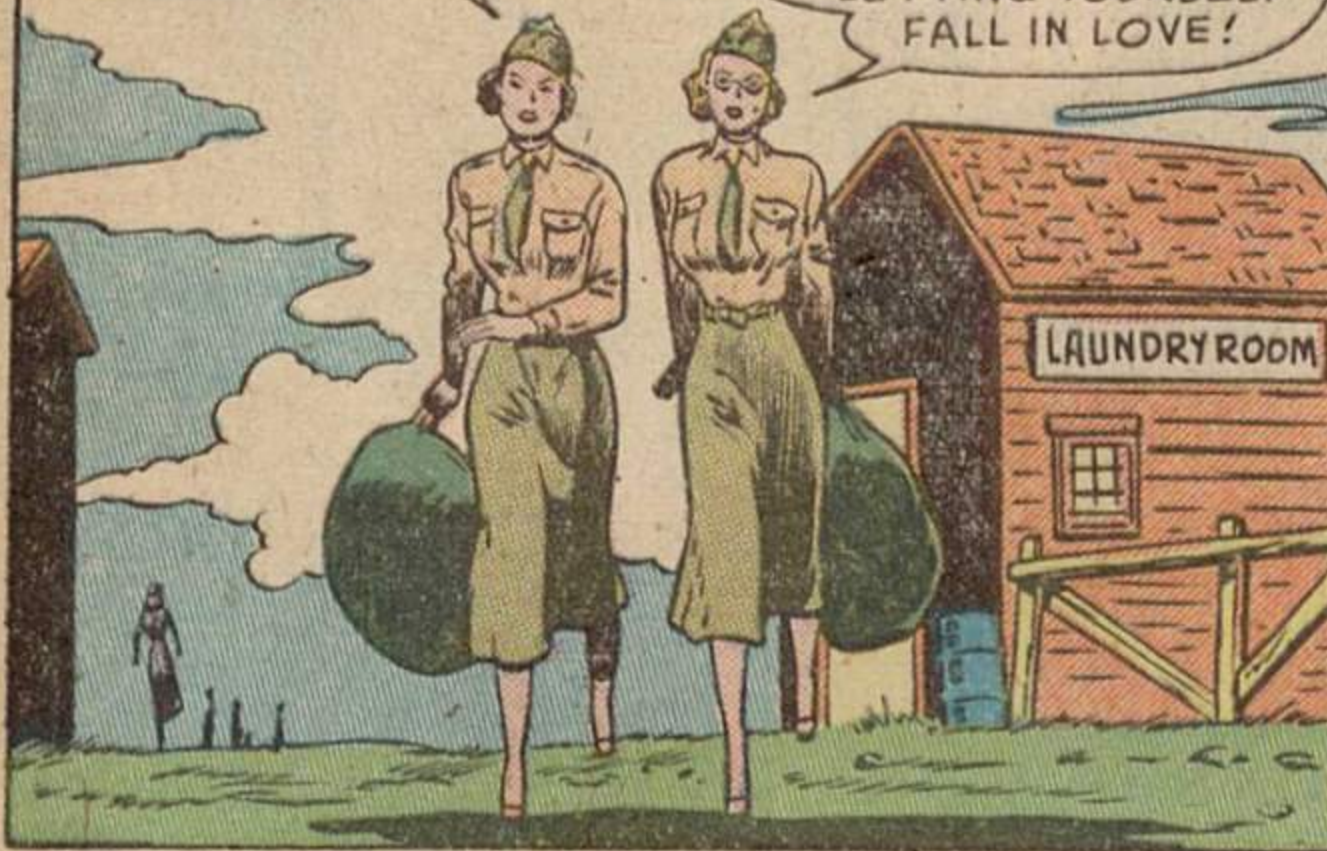
I CAN'T, LARRY! I'VE SEEN SO MUCH... WATCHED SO MANY DREAMS GO UP IN SMOKE FOR OTHERS, THAT SOMEHOW, ALL THE HOPE'S GONE OUT OF ME!



MY FEAR AND MY BITTERNESS GREW WITH EACH PASSING DAY!

SHE STILL HASN'T HEARD FROM HER BOYFRIEND! JUST IMAGINE NOT KNOWING WHERE HE IS, OR IF HE'S...

YOU WERE RIGHT THE OTHER DAY, KITTY! YOU CAN SAVE A LOT OF MISERY BY NOT LETTING YOURSELF FALL IN LOVE!



I COULDN'T BEAR IT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO US! I'M NOT GOING TO LET MYSELF LOVE HIM SO MUCH THAT... MY HEART WOULD BE TORN APART IF SOMETHING DID HAPPEN!



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WE'RE DUE TO SHIP OUT SOON, KITTY! BUT I'D LIKE TO BE SURE YOU'LL BE WAITING FOR ME WHEN I COME BACK!

OH, LARRY... LARRY, DON'T TALK ABOUT IT!

HOW CAN I HELP TALKING ABOUT IT? KITTY, I WANT YOU DESPERATELY! I WANT TO KNOW I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU IN MY ARMS FOREVER!

FOREVER! IF ONLY WE WERE SURE IT WOULD BE FOREVER!

FOREVER? OR JUST FOR A MOMENT, IN WHICH OUR LIPS AND OUR HEARTS WERE WELDED TOGETHER!



MARRY ME, KITTY! THEN, NO MATTER WHAT WE'LL BELONG TO EACH OTHER! THEN WHEN WE RETURN---

DON'T, LARRY! DON'T ASK ME TO MARRY YOU! I WISH I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO LOVE YOU!

BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID! THAT ISN'T LOVE, KITTY! IF YOU REALLY LOVE A MAN, YOU TAKE THE BITTER WITH THE SWEET, LIKE EVERY OTHER WOMAN WHO GIVES HER HEART TO A SOLDIER!

OH, PLEASE, LARRY!





THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT, KITTY! YOU'RE AFRAID! YOUR LOVE ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH! YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOURSELF!

LARRY... YOU'RE HURTING ME!



AND, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE HURT! LOVE ISN'T WORTH THAT TO YOU, IS IT? WELL, LOVE ISN'T FOR COWARDS! WITHOUT COURAGE YOU AREN'T WORTHY OF IT!

SOB! I CAN'T HELP IT, LARRY! I AM AFRAID!



SOB! I CAN'T HELP BEING AFRAID! SOB! I THINK OF JOAN FLEMING AND HOW MUCH GRIEF SHE COULD HAVE SAVED HERSELF IF...

YOU DON'T DESERVE LOVE, KITTY!



FIND YOURSELF A MAN WHO CAN GUARANTEE YOU A MARRIAGE WITHOUT HEADACHES OR TEARS! I CAN'T DO THAT!

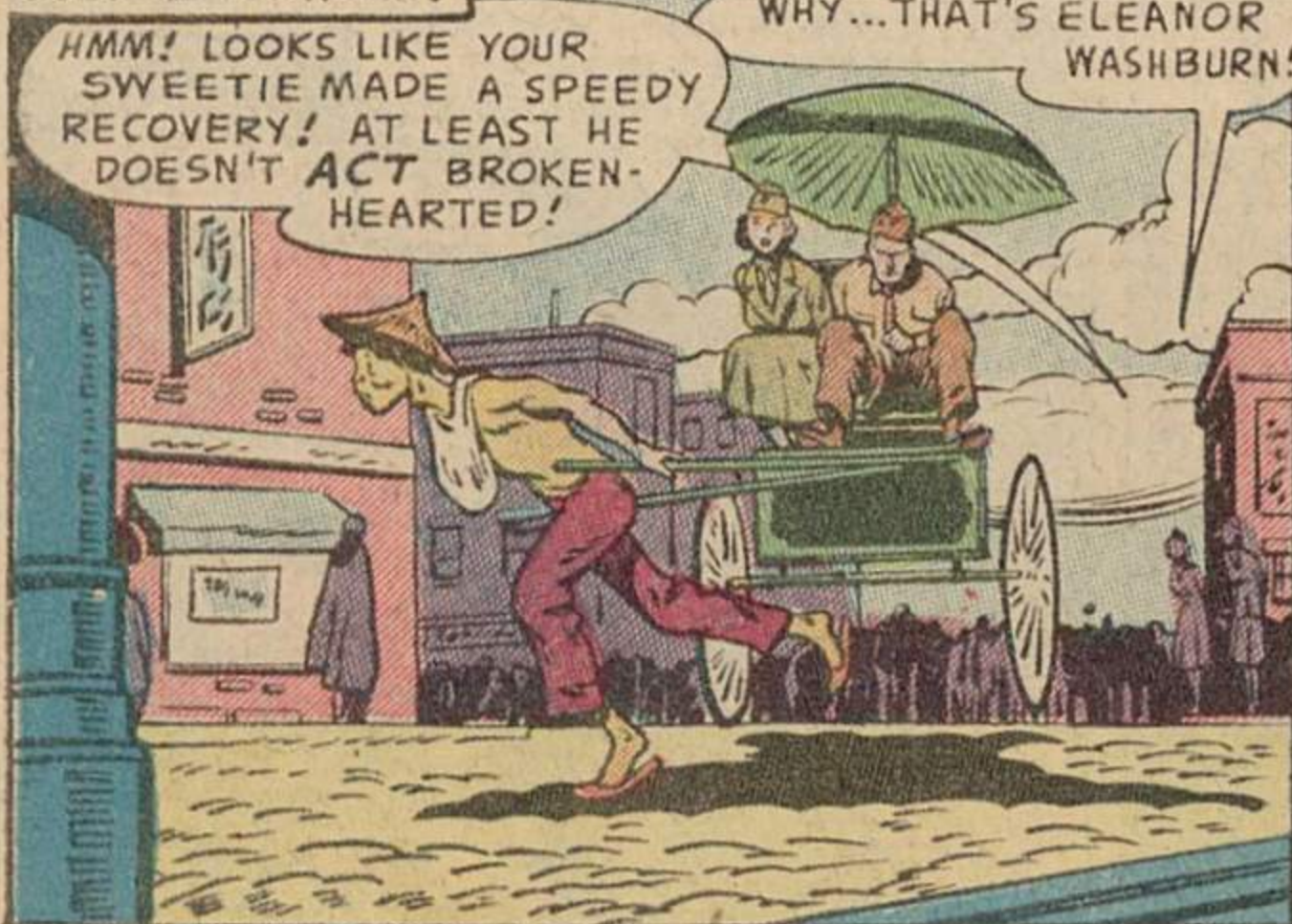
LARRY!

I HAD DRIVEN LARRY AWAY! BUT IT WAS FOR THE BEST, I TOLD MYSELF! SOMEHOW, I COULD ERASE HIM FROM MY MEMORY AND THERE WOULD BE NO FEAR... NO DREADED MESSAGES TO WAIT FOR!



SOB! OH, LARRY, I'D RATHER LOSE YOU NOW! I COULDN'T BEAR IT... THE OTHER WAY!

OH, YES, IT WAS MUCH BETTER TO BE FREE! BUT WAS IT? SOON AFTERWARD!



HMM! LOOKS LIKE YOUR SWEETIE MADE A SPEEDY RECOVERY! AT LEAST HE DOESN'T ACT BROKEN-HEARTED!

WHY... THAT'S ELEANOR WASHBURN!

RIGHT, DEARIE! HE'S BEEN SPENDING ALL HIS OFF-DUTY TIME WITH HER! BUT, THEN, WHAT DO YOU CARE!

THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT DO I CARE?



I HAD BEEN AFRAID OF FEAR ITSELF! BUT NOW A MORE SEARING EMOTION TOOK POSSESSION OF MY HEART! JEALOUSY!

LARRY CAN'T BE IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE! I DON'T DESERVE HIM, BUT... WE SHARED SO MANY KISSES... SO MANY DREAMS!



OH, LARRY, I WAS SO AFRAID I'D LOSE YOU! SO AFRAID OF NIGHTS WHEN I'D SOB MYSELF TO SLEEP! AND NOW I'VE GOT THE HEARTACHES... WITHOUT YOUR KISSES!



JEALOUSY IS A RAVAGING DISEASE THAT DESTROYS YOUR WILL TO DO ANYTHING BUT HATE! HATE THE PERSON WHO HAS TAKEN YOUR PLACE! LOSING LARRY WAS MY OWN FAULT, BUT I LOATHED ELEANOR BECAUSE NOW HE WAS **HERS!** AND ONE DAY...

KITTY! DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

WHAT DOES SHE WANT? PROBABLY TO FLAUNT HER SUCCESS... TO LAUGH AT ME!

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, ELEANOR, BUT FRANKLY, I'D RATHER NOT TALK TO YOU!

I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU, KITTY! IT'S ABOUT LARRY!

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO, CONGRATULATE YOU? **SOB** JUST LEAVE ME ALONE, THAT'S ALL I ASK! **SOB**

LISTEN TO ME! LARRY DOESN'T LOVE ME! OH, HE'S TRIED TO TALK HIMSELF INTO THE IDEA, BUT I KNOW BETTER!



I KNOW JUST BY THE WISTFUL WAY HE MENTIONS YOUR NAME THAT... HE STILL LOVES YOU! HE'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU, KITTY!

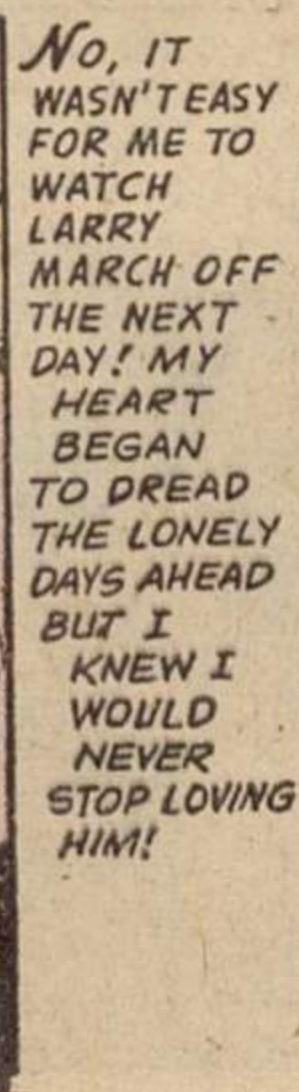
YOU... DON'T UNDERSTAND! HASN'T HE TOLD YOU WHY WE BROKE UP?

ELEANOR'S TOUCHING INTEREST WON MY CONFIDENCE! SOON I HAD POURED OUT THE PATHETIC STORY OF A LOVE THAT WAS SO GREAT, IT COULDN'T FACE LIFE'S BITTER SIDE!

OH, YOU CRAZY KID! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM TORMENT OR LONELINESS NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO! YOU'VE ALREADY SUFFERED FROM BOTH, BUT IT HASN'T KILLED YOUR LOVE FOR LARRY!

NO! NO! I'VE LEARNED THAT LOVE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T CONTROL!





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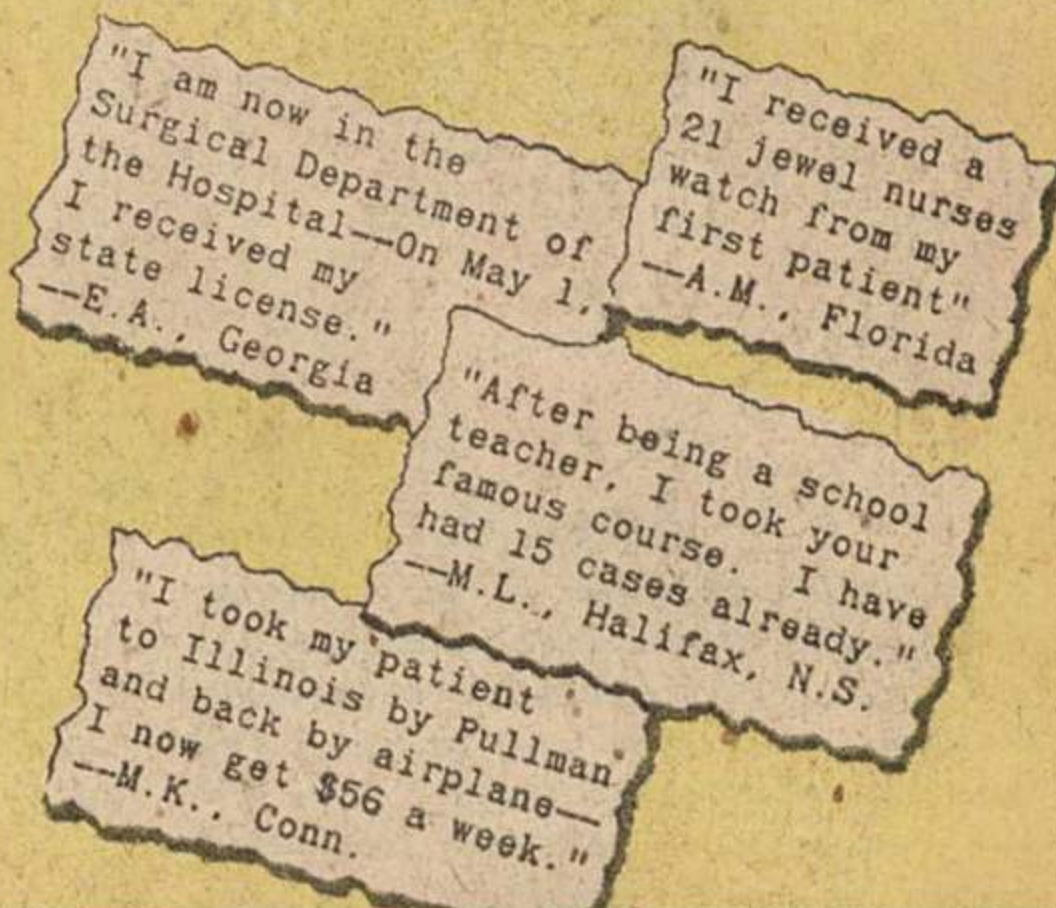
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